

## 'Generous Servants'

From the series: {be} Generous... 01/13/13

### BIG IDEA

Jesus is both our motivation for being generous servants, and He is our model of what a generous servant looks like. At GENESIS, our desire is to cultivate a community of generous servants, not just a place where people serve, but a community of men and women who consider themselves servants. In John 13, we learn by way of Jesus' example how generous servants serve those around us::

1. *Generous Servants love people, not projects.*
2. *Generous Servants love ALL people, not just certain people.*
3. *Generous Servants serve downward, not upward.*
4. *Generous Servants see ordinary tasks as extraordinary opportunities.*
5. *Generous Servants bless others b/c God continually blesses servants who serve.*

### QUESTIONS

#### Engaging the Head::

- As we read in [Philippians 2:1-11](#), Jesus, being in very nature God took upon Himself the posture and position of a servant who willingly served humanity by going to the cross on our behalf. If Jesus, being God in flesh considered Himself a servant, how should that impact how we view ourselves?
- How is your current view of yourself shaping the way you live and interact with those around you? If you viewed yourself as a generous servant (like Jesus), how might that begin to reshape the way you live and interact with those around you?

#### Engaging the Heart::

The night before Jesus went to the cross ([read John 13:1-17](#)), He served a group of men by washing their feet, a job reserved for the lowliest servant in the house. Judas would betray him, Peter would deny him, and all would abandon him, but this did not stop Jesus from serving them. Scripture says that *'he loved them to the very end.'* As we consider Jesus' example, two questions for you to wrestle with::

- Is there anyone in your life that you are currently refusing to serve because of past or present pain, hurt or disappointment? How might we grow in serving those that are hard to serve?
- Is there any 'service' or 'job' that you are not willing to do because it is some how beneath you? Realizing that you might not give voice to it like that, consider your actions. Are you demonstrating that there are just certain jobs that you'd be unwilling to do because your not currently doing them? Are there needs going unmet whether within the church, or in the lives of those around you because you are choosing to ignore them? To busy? To tired? To \_\_\_\_\_(you fill in the blank).

#### Engaging the Hands::

- We live in a consumeristic culture. Unfortunately, a consumeristic mindset often spills over into the church. What are some ways in which a consumeristic mindset is impacting the church, namely GENESIS? What are some ways in which GENESIS can cultivate a community of generous servants?

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This Sunday** – GENESIS will continue the {be} Generous series. Next up:: Generous Giving.
- **Elders & Deacons** – On Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, the GENESIS Community will vote on whether or not to affirm Zach Wiernicki as an elder, and Mike Costa and YiFeng You as deacons. Please be in prayer as to how the Lord would have you affirm these men.
- **Beginnings Brunch** – If you are new or newer to GENESIS, plan on attending the next Beginnings Brunch on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM. This is a great way to learn more about GENESIS, meet

sunday worship gathering at 9am & 11AM [www.genesisjourney.com](http://www.genesisjourney.com)