

THE SERVANT KING AND HIS SERVANTS

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The Presence of the Future, part 13

Has God ever surprised you? (Is. 64:3; Eph. 3:20)

BIG IDEA: In washing their feet, Jesus, the Servant King, revealed the nature of God as a servant, and how his kingdom comes through our selflessly serving of others.

John 13: ⁴ So he got up from supper, laid aside his outer clothing, took a towel, and tied it around himself. ⁵ Next, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet and to dry them with the towel tied around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I'm doing you don't realize now, but afterward you will understand."

⁸ "You will never wash my feet," Peter said. Jesus replied, "If I don't wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not only my feet, but also my hands and my head."

¹⁰ "One who has bathed," Jesus told him, "doesn't need to wash anything except his feet, but he is completely clean. You are clean, but not all of you." ¹¹ For he knew who would betray him. This is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² When Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer clothing, he reclined again and said to them, "**Do you know what I have done for you?**" ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are speaking rightly, since that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done for you.

¹⁶ "Truly I tell you, a servant is not greater than his master, and a messenger is not greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. **Jn 13:1-17 CSB**

1 Know Jesus as the Servant King—revealing the _____ . (Isaiah 52-52)

2 Know _____ **—his child, heir, blessed, loved, servant.**

"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:28 NLT

3 Lay aside your protection—get _____ .

"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but **emptied himself**, by taking the form of a servant..."

Philippians 2:5-7 ESV

4 Die to yourself through _____ .

"It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows." **Galatians 5:13 TM**

"This is why the Father loves me: because I freely lay down my life... No one takes it from me. I lay it down of my own free will." **John 10:17-18 TM**

5 Whenever you serve, God's space _____ **ours.**

IN PRACTICE:

—SURVEY WHO God has placed in your life.

—THINK of how you can Serve them in practical ways.

—When you serve, make good EYE CONTACT, so they know it's because you care.

—ASK God to help you see people differently.