

JESUS SERVES THE APOSTLES

From John 13:11-17 (NirV), John 13:34-35 (NirV), and Acts 2:42-47 (NirV)

See reference below



Jesus is telling the Apostles the importance of serving one another as Jesus' time is coming (his death on the cross). The Apostles must serve one another, share brotherhood and share closely. Jesus washed their feet because the Apostles were not completely clean. Our feet are always dirty. Jesus gave this example to show us that we need to help clean each other spiritually.

Before discipling from a small group base, formed by agreement, organizations, or otherwise, we must wash each others' feet spiritually, emotionally, and mentally, supporting each other, listening to each other with two ears, giving words of encouragement to each other, offering resources, physically giving help where needed. And above all, we need to pray to Jesus in these small groups of two or more for the Holy Spirit to come into us to ward off an angry Satan and give us the wisdom, understanding, and tools we need for discipleship; while keeping our group intact. In Jesus name.

May the Holy Spirit give us the power and humility to do what God requires us to do in the privilege of disciplining.

Humbly and with praise to God. Eugene McDonald Oct 17, 2012

Reference

John 13:12-17 (NirV) [12] When Jesus finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes. Then he returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. [13] "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord.' You are right. That is what I am. [14] I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet. So you also should wash one another's feet. [15] I have given you an example. You should do as I have done for you. [16] "What I'm about to tell you is true.

A servant is not more important than his master. And a messenger is not more important than the one who sends him. [17] Now you know these things. So you will be blessed if you do them.

John 13:34-35 (NirV) [34] I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you. [35] If you love one another, everyone will know you are my disciples.

Acts 2:42-47 (NirV) [42] The believers studied what the apostles taught. They shared life together. They broke bread and ate together. And they prayed. [43] Everyone felt that God was near. The apostles did many wonders and miraculous signs. [44] All the believers were together. They shared everything they had. [45] They sold what they owned. They gave each other everything they needed. [46] Every day they met together in the temple courtyard. In their homes they broke bread and ate together. Their hearts were glad and honest and true. [47] They praised God. They were respected by all the people. Every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.