

Small Group Lesson 7 | “Grow Together: Help Out

Main Idea: To grow in humility through acts of blessing others without regard for receiving credit.

Get Connected:

1. Describe a time you helped someone but ended up being blessed more in return.
2. What is your first reaction when seeing someone on the side of the road holding a sign and asking for help? Why?
3. Recall a time someone served you. What did that person do and how did you feel?
4. What is your greatest obstacle to serving at Pathway?

In the Word:

Read Matthew 23:11-12

1. What type of people does our culture refer to as great? Name names.
2. How do most people pursue greatness?
3. How is greatness revealed in serving others?
4. What do you hear Jesus saying to us in the here and now of 2020 through this passage?

Read John 13:12-17

1. Jesus’s act of service was that of a household servant. The word Jesus uses for “servant” is actually the Greek word for “slave.” What did Jesus communicate by breaking this social norm?
2. After John 13, foot washing is not mentioned again in the scriptures. What did the disciples learn from his example?
3. What might be a modern-day equivalent to foot washing?
4. How has Jesus served you?

Application:

1. Whose feet do you need to wash?
2. Whose feet would be difficult for you to wash?
3. How can you serve someone without treating them like a project?
4. Commit to reporting back to the group next week how you served someone.

Closing Prayer: God, through your word, you have appointed us to bear fruit that will last and that whatever we ask in your name will be given to us. As we seek to bear fruit that will last, we ask for courage, for wisdom and for a heart that breaks for the things that matter most to you. Help us to love one another the way you love us, in Jesus name, amen.