

# That's a Great Question

## Discussion Guide

### “Do You Understand What I Have Done for You?”

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**Starter** Have you ever done the right thing but wrestled with the wrong motive? For example, perhaps you cleaned the kitchen but stood there a little longer than necessary, just waiting for someone to say, “Wow ... who did this?!” Share a story.

### Sermon Summary

In a world that measures greatness by how high you climb, Jesus redefines it by how low you're willing to go—modeling a life of love, humility, and service when He washed His disciples' feet. This message challenges us to build our lives with a servant's heart, discovering that true fulfillment and blessing are found not in being served, but in serving others.

### ACT

As you absorb sermons, read, or participate in group discussion, take notes and make a plan to apply what God's teaching you.

**A (Action):** Mark important ideas with an “A” to remind you to take action.

**C (Contemplate):** Use a “C” to mark ideas you want to process further.

**T (Transfer/Teach):** If it's something you need to teach to someone else, note it with a “T.”

### Read

What do these Scriptures teach you about God's character? (Read some or all verses together.)

[John 13:1–5](#)

[John 13:11](#)

[John 13:12–17](#)

[Philippians 2:5–8](#)

[Galatians 5:13](#)

[1 Peter 4:10](#)

[Hebrews 6:10](#)

[Matthew 20:26–28](#)

[Luke 22:26–27](#)

### Discuss

Choose questions to keep the discussion moving. There's no need to discuss every question.

1. When you think about your daily life, where are you most tempted to pursue recognition instead of serving others quietly?
2. What does it practically look like for you to “pick up the towel” in your current season—at home, work, or in your relationships?
3. How does your understanding of your identity in Christ affect your willingness to serve others with humility?

4. Are there specific people in your life (like Judas in the story) whom you find difficult to serve, and what might it look like to love them anyway?
5. Where might God be inviting you this week to shift from a mindset of “what can I get?” to “how can I give?”

### **Go Deeper**

1. Study Mark 10:42–45 (Jesus’ teaching on true greatness). In what ways have you been defining “greatness” in your life, and how does Jesus’ definition challenge or reshape that?
2. Study 1 Kings 19:19–21 (Elisha serves Elijah). Are you willing to embrace hidden, everyday acts of service as part of God’s calling on your life, even when they don’t feel significant or visible? What are some everyday acts of service you can begin?
3. Study John 12:24–26 (Jesus’ teaching on a seed that falls and dies). What might God be asking you to lay down or surrender so that your life can bear greater fruit in serving others?

### **Apply**

1. Pick up the towel at home first. Identify one practical way to serve your family this week without being asked or recognized—whether it’s doing a chore, offering encouragement, or meeting a need—and do it purely out of love.
2. Choose one person you normally overlook or even struggle with, and intentionally serve them in a meaningful way, reflecting Jesus’ example of loving without conditions.
3. Shift your daily mindset. Each morning, ask God, “Who can I serve today?” Then, look for one intentional opportunity to put others first in your conversations, workplace, or community.

### **Pray**

Here are some prayer points:

1. Ask God for a heart motivated by love rather than duty in serving others. If God fills your heart with His love for you, you will be able to love others well.
2. Pray for greater humility and freedom from pride or the need for recognition.
3. Ask the Lord to give you a deeper understanding and confidence in your identity in God as your Father, Jesus as your Savior, and the Holy Spirit as your Friend.
4. Pray for the willingness to serve people who are difficult, overlooked, or different from you.

### **Leadership Tip**

As a small group leader, your greatest influence won’t come from how well you teach but from how well you serve. Just like Jesus in John 13, look for intentional ways to put others first: creating space for quieter voices, following up with those who are struggling, and meeting practical needs without being asked. When your group sees consistent humility and love modeled, it establishes a culture for people to open up more, care for one another, and reflect Christ—not because they’re told to but because they’ve experienced it!