

SAVE EQUIP SEND

SEND - Servant FEB 26, 2017

THIS WEEK: Pastor Miles explained about the meaning behind Jesus washing the Disciples' feet at the Last Supper from John chapter 13. . This was the third in the series Save, Equip, Send. Pastor Miles opened by saying that some churches tell the congregation what they want to hear so the people will want to come back next week. Here at the Rock - and especially today, the message is about serving and encouraging everyone to DO SOMETHING so that lives will be changed. Last year, over 250,000 people had 1 on 1 contact with someone from the Rock.

Opening Discussion - Opening Questions:

Pastor Miles began the message by observing that we seem to be in some kind of competition. Whether it is an athletic contest, clothing and fashion accessories, being in a line, parking spaces, or even which seat at church we get; we make comparisons with other people.

- 1.** What is your most competitive thing? i.e., What gives you the most frustration when you DON'T get it?
- 2.** There are many things we experience in which we have little or no control over. Describe the one experience which is hardest for you to accept?

We often complain or get upset over material things, forgetting our riches compared to the majority of other countries. Pastor Miles spoke to a group of pastors in Africa. Some of those pastors traveled a long time to get there and had never seen a bathroom with plumbing.

- 3.** What modern convenience would you have the hardest time doing without?
- 4.** Think of someone (public or not) who really inspires you. What about them special to you?

Read John 13:1-17

In this passage, Jesus did the opposite of what was expected as the Lord and Teacher. What one thing could you do that is opposite of the worldly point of view to enjoy a closer relationship with Jesus?

Group Activity - Role Play

Who honestly thinks God does NOT want them to do something?
So, if God wants us to be serving, where are the excuses coming from?
Role play reasons not to serve and counter those excuses.

Get several pairs of volunteers. Have them break into 2 teams, "A" & "B".
Give each one on the A group a chance to give an excuse for not serving.
Have the partner from the B group try and respond with a way to overcome the excuse. Others on the team may help if needed.
What were some of the best excuses offered?
How can we apply the reasons to overcome the excuses?

Suggest forming into groups of 2 or 3 for these questions:

1. Take turns sharing the following questions:

What are some of the ways the Holy Spirit convicts you?

What are some of the ways the devil tempts you?

2. Pastor Miles talked about the principle on Earth is the desire for more control or more power.

In heaven, the principle is peace which requires surrender.

Think of a prayer you recently had which was related to getting more power or control (a sports team winning for example). How could you change that prayer to be more surrendering?

READ Matthew 25:34-36

Which of the listed acts of service and kindness would you find easiest to do? Why?

Which of the listed acts would you find are the hardest for you to do? Why?

Going Deeper - Personal Challenge:

What would it take to wash someone else's feet?

Taking it Home - Application:

* Pray about what act of service or what ministry the Holy Spirit is convicting you to join. Then FOLLOP UP and Do Something.

* Come to the Saturday morning prayer at any of the campuses. Pray to fight!

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. John 13:14

LESSON QUOTES: (from Pastor Miles)

"If you want to get rid of a problem, get a bigger one!"

"Ambassadorize someone else! "

LIFE GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS:
