

**Talk
It
Over**

**NORTHERN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH
THE HEART OF SERVICE
THE BLESSED LIFE – WEEK 4**

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

With your Bible, read John 13:3-17.

Jesus shows His disciples in this passage how and why we should serve others. Through His act of washing the disciples' feet, Jesus illustrates the difference between *knowing* and *doing* when it comes to serving others. He also teaches us in this passage that serving leads to a path of blessing.

- How well are you aware of the needs of others in your life? Share some things that distract you from being aware of those needs.
- If you don't learn to serve in secret and in the insignificant or small areas that no one else wants to, then you won't serve in public
- Describe your attitude about serving. What areas of service do you do well, and where do you need improvement?
- How have you seen your life blessed as a result of serving others?
- Describe a time when you got "messy" in order to make a difference in serving others. How did that experience impact your life?

Read Matthew 20:24-28.

Jesus teaches us in these verses the importance of serving with a heart of humility.

- One trait of a heart to serve is we must go low in order to bring others up. What does humility look like in your own life?
- What do you think God is asking you to do to develop a more humble heart?

Next Step

Try these specific things you can do this week that will help you serve others so that you can live and experience the blessed life:

Intentionally do something this week to serve others. You can do something on your own or with a group. Be creative and let God lead you to whom He wants you to serve. A great place to start is within your church. Consider serving in one of our ministries such as Host Team, Team Kid, Nursery, Pre-School, Sunday School or any other way in which you have an interest. Complete and return the Volunteer card available at the Information Center.

If you have been moved by God during this series and want to learn more, consider reading Robert Morris' book entitled *The Blessed Life*. This book gives an in-depth look at what generosity should be like in our lives and the blessings that can result from being generous. This book is available at most major bookstores and online.

Use these prayer tips to guide your time with God this week to expand your conversations both in person and online:

Pray and ask God to help you be more aware of the needs of others in your life.

Ask God to help you see how He is preparing you and blessing you when you serve in secret.

Seek God's guidance through prayer to discover whom He wants you to serve.

Commit to God in prayer that you will step up and serve others in the ways that He is calling you to serve.

Pray and ask God to help you develop a heart of humility when serving others.

Thank God for those who have served you. Ask God to help instill a heart of service within you.