



Serving Is Not A Transaction

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Message Notes

Jesus knew Judas and still served.

The value of serving is not determined by the one who is served, instead by the character of the servant.

Serving expects no return.

Reframe transaction and serve love in action.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 41; John 13; Matthew 26:14-16; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Mark 12:30-31; Matthew 5:43-48

Discussion Guide

ENGAGE

1. Share about a time when you were "taken advantage of," when someone used relationship to get something from you.
2. What effect did this event have on your relationship? Did this event cause harm or strengthen?
3. Read John 13:2;13-20. Who were the people gathered with Jesus? What do these verses reveal about Judas? Weigh your own emotions toward Judas—do you feel angry, betrayed, compassion?
4. Considering v.14-15, what "Jesus-example" can we emulate knowing that He washed Judas' feet?
5. How does serving with no expectations strengthen your faith?

APPLY

Practice listening prayer. In prayer ask two questions: 1. Who can I serve? 2. How can I serve? After each question be quiet for 1 minute and listen (expect impressions, pictures, words) for the who and how of each question. On a piece of paper or in your journal, write down what you "hear" in your time of listening. Save this and be ready to reframe transaction and serve love in action.

Also, consider participating in purchasing a backpack and supplies for our local Fridley School families. Find the packing list at www.redeermn.org/messages/servemonth2023.

PRAY