

MORE THAN *happy*

More Than Me

Scripture Texts

John 13:1-17

Connect

Who takes out the trash in your home? Who cleans the toilets?

When it comes to housework, what is the last job you would pick?

What did God teach you during the message this Sunday? Did anything in particular stand out?

Engage

This week's sermon was on finding joy through serving. It outlined three points for having joy: 1-Decide to be a servant, 2-Follow the example of Jesus, and 3-We work and God works in us. Therefore, we should look for opportunities to serve, when it is hard or we don't feel like it we should serve anyway and we should ask God to change our hearts with regard to serving.

Some philosophers have argued that we can never find happiness by seeking it directly, but if you seek something greater than yourself, you will also get happiness as a side effect. Do you think they are right? Why or why not?

Is this also true of Christian joy? Why or why not?

Read John 13:1-17

What does Jesus know that escapes the disciples' attention (vv.1, 3, 11)? Based on that, what impresses you about Jesus washing their feet?

If you were Peter, would you have reacted as he did? Why or why not?

Do you have a hard time accepting someone doing something for you? Why or why not?

While Peter is taking the washing of his feet literally what do you think Jesus meant by his statement in verse 8? In verse 10?

How does Jesus challenge their idea of what it means to be the chief followers of the Messiah (vv.12-17)? What role reversals do you see here?

In your spiritual life, who is one person who has demonstrated what it means to "wash feet"? What did he or she do?

Apply

How can you put Jesus' teaching into practice in at least one relationship this week at home, at work or at church?

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