

Discussion Starter: What chore or job that you currently perform or previously had to do is the grossest and/or least likable aspect of your responsibilities?

Prayer

Key Passage: **John 13:1-17**

If Jesus were at a modern gathering, what task do you think He might perform to create the same effect of shockingly selfless service?

In the context of church life, what would your personal “foot-washing” activity be – Nursery? Middle Schoolers? Teaching? Committee Meetings? What area would be the biggest sacrifice/stretch for you to serve in?

Discussion Questions:

According to **Ephesians 2:10**, what has God created each and every member of this group to do? Have you ever experienced an especially strong feeling/sense of knowing that you are doing a good work that God created you to perform?

What are some practical reasons for NOT leaving ministry to your pastors? Have you ever watched a ministry falter or a person slip through the cracks at church because a pastor was trying to carry too much on his own? Describe with sensitivity.

Why do you think that in the typical church, 20% of church members do 100% of the church’s work? What reasons do you think the other 80% would have for why they are not actively participating?

Name the 2-3 things you are most looking forward to (or most enjoy currently!) about retirement. Read **Titus 2:11-14**. Do you think there is such a thing as retiring from active involvement in your church? Why or why not?

Provide some detailed examples of ways of change in your life if you suddenly lost one of your thumbs. What would happen if your kidneys stopped working? Read **1 Corinthians 12:12-14**. Just like having a missing body part negatively impacts what you can do, share a time when you have seen a godly activity falter because members/parts of Christ’s body were missing in action.

Let’s suppose that you ask one of your good friends to help you with a church activity – but she responds negatively because she says that she is too busy with family responsibilities and that she is currently experiencing too much personal stress because her job is not providing enough money to pay for everything she wants it to pay for. How would you respond to the reasons (or excuses) that your friend has given in order to help her realize the priority that she is missing?