

Following Jesus

Study Guide – Serving and Loving

Main Idea: Throughout his ministry and especially during his final week on earth, Jesus took the form of a servant and loved his followers.

Living like Jesus: We can imitate Jesus by engaging in acts of love and practical service.

Key Scriptures: Here are some examples of how Jesus served:

- Jesus became a human being as an act of love (Phil. 2:6-8; 2 Cor. 8:9)
- He came as a servant (Luke 22:27)
- He had compassion for people in need (Matt. 9:36; 14:14; 15:32)
- He loved children (Mark 10:13-16)
- He loved and served his followers (John 13:1-17)
- He served and loved social and religious outcasts (John 4:5-42; Mark 2:13-17;
- He loved people by casting out demons and healing (throughout the Gospels)
- He allowed others to serve him at times (Luke 7:36-50)
- He trained and equipped his disciples (throughout the Gospels)
- He met people's physical needs (Mark 6:30-44; 7:31-8:9)
- He prayed for his followers (John 17)
- His supreme act of love and service was giving his life on the cross as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45; Matt. 26:39)

Discussion Questions:

1. What stands out to you about the different ways Jesus loved and served?
2. How is love different from simply being nice or always doing what the other person wants?
3. Is there something specific about the way Jesus served people that you can imitate this week?
4. What is especially difficult about being a consistent servant?
5. What are some short-term and long-term rewards of loving and serving like Jesus?