

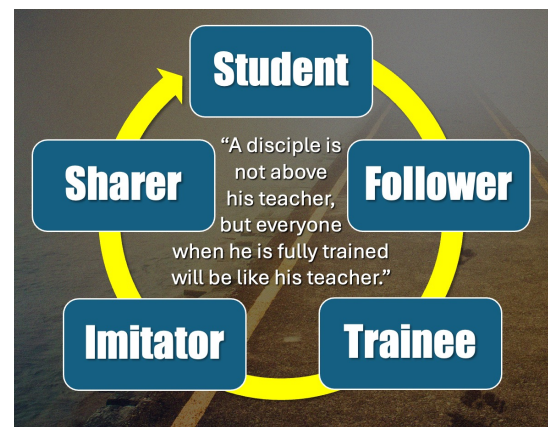
THE THINGS DISCIPLES DO

Lesson 12

Wednesday,
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What sort of things do disciples do? **Disciples follow the lead of their Lord by _____.** In **John 13**, when he “knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father,” Jesus did more than teach his disciples a lesson about serving. He modeled it for them.

He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ _____ and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. (**13:4-5**)



When he had finished that lowly act of service, Jesus—the Lord and Teacher—asked his disciples an important question. “Do you _____ what I have done to you?”

“Truly, truly I say to you, a servant is not _____ than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you _____ them.” (**13:16-17**)

Disciples _____ that they are disciples by their _____ for one another. Listen carefully to what Jesus said that same night.

“A _____ commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as _____ have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will _____ that you are my disciples, _____ you have love for one another.” (**13:34-35**)

In **John 15:13-14**, Jesus emphasized, “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his _____ for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I _____ you.” And that’s exactly what Jesus did the very next day, laying down his life for all of us.

But that wasn’t the end of the story. After his death, burial, and resurrection, Jesus taught one more lesson before his ascension into heaven: **disciples _____ disciples.**

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. _____ therefore and make _____ of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to _____ all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (**Matt 28:18-20**)

For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ **Disciples follow the lead of their Lord by serving.** Notice how many things John tells us in [John 13:1-11](#) that Jesus knew. What does he want us to understand about Jesus? And how should that understanding shape the way we think and live as disciples?
- ▶ How would you summarize in your own words what Jesus communicated in [John 13:12-17](#)?
- ▶ Let's make this as practical as possible: what might it look like to follow the lead of our Lord by serving today?
- ▶ **Disciples show that they are disciples by their love for one another.** Of all the ways Jesus could finish this sentence—"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you..."—why do you think he said what he said in [John 13:35](#)?
- ▶ In what way was Jesus' command in [John 13:34-35](#) "a new commandment"?
- ▶ What do you think? Why is the love of disciples for one another such a powerful proof to the people around us that we really are Jesus' disciples?
- ▶ **Disciples make disciples.** In [Matthew 28:18](#), Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." How should that shape all of the lessons we've learned about the things disciples do?
- ▶ Looking carefully at [Matthew 28:19-20](#), how would you summarize what Jesus taught? What's a disciple and how are they made?
- ▶ Looking back over this entire series, what did you learn? What do you need to carry with you? What do you need to practice if you're going to do what disciples do?