

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of May 2, 2021

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### MY STORY

“Most Christians think they’re a servant until they’re treated like one.” Do you think that’s true?

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week’s teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

### DIGGING DEEPER

What does this passage reveal about Jesus? About the apostles?

You’re asked to fill a much-needed slot in church but you don’t feel it’s right for you. Does this mean you’re unwilling to serve?

Are there boundaries / limits to serving? How do you determine them?

Jesus washed Judas’ feet, knowing that he would betray Him. What does this teach us about whom we are to serve?

Should we compare other’s service to God with our own? Why or why not?

Who is qualified to evaluate our service?

In today’s world, can humble servants really be seen as strong leaders or does this only “work” in the church?

Jim said that our **service** for God verifies our **message** about God. Why? What can we do to put this in practice?

How could your humble service lead to purposeful ministry—in your family, at school, with your co-workers, or your friends?

### PRAYER REQUEST

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## Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

### **WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME**

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

### **PRAY MORE THAN ONCE**

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

### **WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE**

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Missionaries of the Month** Please pray for Chad & Kristin Tabor as they serve with e3 Partners.



## **The Gospel of John---That You May Believe**

### ***Leading in Humility***

***John 13:1-20 (ESV) Jim Vandermeer May 2, 2021***

### **I Is an Act of Loving Service**

Loving Service demonstrates the truth of the gospel

- There is grace over judgement
- There is love over condemnation

### **II Is an Example of Leadership**

- Leadership in the Kingdom is service to others
- We, as servants, are not greater than Jesus, the master

### **III Leads to Purposeful Ministry**

- Our obedience is meaningful to God's kingdom
- Our service verifies the message
- Our calling is to live out this truth