

*(John 13:1-17) Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. "It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. 4 So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, 5 and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him. 12 After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? 13 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. 14 And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. 15 I have given you an **example to follow**. Do as I have done to you. 16 I tell you the truth; slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. 17 Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.*

Three Fundamental Facts About Serving...

1. We are blessed to be a _____.

(Genesis 12:2 NLT) "I will bless you...and you will be a blessing to others."

2. When we bless others, God takes care of our _____.

(Luke 6:38 Message) "Give your life away and you'll find your life given back. But not merely given back. Given back with bonus and blessing."

3. The more God blesses us, the more He expects us to _____.

(Luke 12:48 LB) "...Much is required from those to whom much is given. For their responsibility is greater."

Thoughts about Serving...

Serving is... Jesus' _____!

Serving is... Part of the _____ of Christianity!

Serving is... Part of the Vision of our _____!

Serving is... Not _____!

Serving is... All _____!

Serving is... Caring for Others you Don't Necessarily _____!

Serving will... Change Your _____!

Serving will... Help Lighten the _____ People Carry!

Serving will... Impact our _____!

Serving will... Glorify _____!

Resurrection

1. The Resurrection of Jesus gives me hope for yesterday's _____!

2. The Resurrection of Jesus gives me hope for today's _____!

3. The Resurrection of Jesus gives me hope for tomorrow's _____!

7 Promises this side of heaven!

1. _____! (1John 1:9)

2. _____! (Acts 15:8)

3. _____! (Romans 12:18)

4. _____! (Philippians 4:19)

5. _____! (2 Corinthians 5:21)

6. _____! (Corinthians 5:17)

7. _____! (Romans 4:25)

We can trust God with our "Eternal Future"