

# ONE ANOTHERING

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## HONOR THE VALUE

SERIES BIG IDEA:

**We love one another by being \_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>9</sup>Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:9-10 (NIV)

**To honor is to \_\_\_\_\_ the value of the other person.**

<sup>1</sup>It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup>The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup>Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup>so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup>After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

John 13:1-5 (NIV)

**When you know \_\_\_\_\_ you are and when you know what you have, you will know \_\_\_\_\_ to do.**

<sup>12</sup>When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup>"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

John 13:12-17 (NIV)

**Jesus honored His disciples by \_\_\_\_\_ them.**

**Jesus leveraged His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to reveal the value in us.**

**My \_\_\_\_\_ is that I want others to honor me.**

<sup>20</sup>In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. <sup>21</sup>But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. <sup>22</sup>The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!" <sup>23</sup>They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

<sup>24</sup>A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. <sup>26</sup>But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. <sup>27</sup>For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

Luke 22:20-27 (NIV)

**We want \_\_\_\_\_ to value us, but Jesus wants us to value \_\_\_\_\_.**

**We tend to think that position and power are \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Jesus models that position and power are \_\_\_\_\_ to be stewarded for \_\_\_\_\_.**

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TEACHING BIG IDEA:

I \_\_\_\_\_ others by stewarding my position and my power to \_\_\_\_\_ others.

True \_\_\_\_\_ is in serving others.



## TEACHING SUMMARY:

Nelson Mandela said, "There is no greater gift than giving of one's time and energy to helping others without expecting anything in return".

Romans 12:10 calls us to "outdo each other in showing honor" and one of the most powerful ways we can show honor to another is by serving them. When we look at the life of Jesus we see that His life was marked by many things: love, passion, compassion, etc. But in Matthew we read that He came to serve and not to be served and to give His life as a ransom for all. His servanthood was the ultimate act of honor in showing us our value to Him.

So as we look around, who is lacking in a spot where you can show up? Who is feeling less than valuable that needs you to show them their value by your service to them? Where can you, like Jesus did, serve without the expectation of being served in return? Let's join together and grow to become more like Jesus today by serving as He served us.

## TALK IT OVER:

What is the greatest earthly honor you have ever received? How did it feel? What do you remember about that moment?

How are you at honoring others by serving them? Do you struggle with wanting something in return? If so, what are you wanting?

Who is someone that you know you could honor by serving, but have neglected? What could you do to simply serve them and show them their value?

What is one next step you can take based on today's teaching?

How can we be praying for you?

## FURTHER READING:

Day 1: Galatians 5:13-14

Day 3: Matthew 20:20-28

Day 5: Romans 12:1-8

Day 2: Matthew 29:35-40

Day 4: Mark 10:45

Day 6: Philippians 2:1-8