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Do As I Have Done

I have set before you an example to follow. What have I shown you? You have shown me what it looks like to have the heart of a servant. **What does the heart of a servant look like?** It looks like your heart. **How so?** A servant is willing to do what you did. A servant is willing to serve like you served. A servant is willing to give like you gave. You humbled yourself. You had no regard for your rights. You had no concern for your position. There is nothing you wouldn't do. There is no one you wouldn't serve. There was no one who was outside of your concern. There was no one that was beyond your care. There was no one that was unworthy of your love. You poured yourself out. You held nothing back. You kept nothing in reserve. You laid your life down for others. You went where you were asked to go. You did what you were asked to do. Your mission, your goal and your tasks were to do the will of your Father. You lived to know and do His will. You served Him with all your heart, and mind and soul and strength. **Yes, I did.**

Why did I do what I did? You did what you did because you love your Father. You did what you did because you love others. Your love made you willing to lay down your life in service to God. Your love made you willing to lay down your life for others. **That's right. Does that sound familiar to you?** Yes, it does sound familiar to me. The two greatest commandments are to love God with all your heart and soul and mind and to love your neighbor as yourself. That's exactly what you did. That is the example that you have set before me. **Yes, it is. Will you love like I loved? Will you do as I have done? Will you go where I send you? Will you do what I ask of you? Will you serve me with all your heart and mind and soul and strength?** Yes Lord, I will.

Lord, thank you for setting an example before me to follow. You humbled yourself in service to others. I will follow your example. Use my life in humble service to others. Help me to be your witness in the world as I do for others what you have done for me. Amen

Set You An Example

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Knowing God – John 13:14-17

In Context: *Read John 13*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Why are you willing to follow the example of Jesus Christ by humbling yourself to serve others?

How are you following the example of Jesus Christ by humbling yourself in service to others?

How are you coming to know the Lord by following the example He has set before you?

When has it been very difficult for you to humble yourself to serve someone in particular?

What are some specific acts of humble service that you can do for others in your life today?

How has your life been a witness for Jesus Christ as you have followed His example by humbly serving others?

How has the Lord blessed your life as you have humbled yourself and served others?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Follow Christ’s example by humbling yourself in service to others.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will bless your life as you follow His example by humbling yourself in service to others.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are following Christ’s example by humbly serving others.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you follow the example Christ has given to you by humbly serving others.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will follow your example by humbly serving others.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I follow your example by humbly serving others today?
