



“Following Our Servant King”

John 13:1-14

Questions To Discuss

1. We’re calling the sermon series this fall: *How To Be The Church In A Pandemic*. So with churches struggling across the country because of the coronavirus, what are some things we could do at Bridgeway to not be one of those churches?
2. *Read John 13:1-14.*
At the beginning of John 13, Jesus knows his time on earth is short, and that soon he will be turning over his work to his disciples. But how will his work survive? They’re bickering amongst themselves who is the greatest. Satan is slithering nearby. Judas will betray him. Peter will deny him. It’s at this moment that Jesus washes their feet.
Share your thoughts on why Jesus chose this particular moment to do this. What lessons was Jesus trying to teach them...and us?
3. In the teaching, we covered 4 reasons why followers of Christ should devote themselves to serving others. We are **created** to serve, we are **saved** to serve, we are **called** to serve, and we will be **rewarded** for serving. Which of these reasons do you find especially meaningful and motivating, and why?
4. We finished the teaching by offering three practical pointers on how to step up our serving game.

We Need To Open Our Minds

*“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.” –
Hebrews 10:24*

Why do we have to “consider” (think about, call to mind, give thought to) ways to serve each other? Shouldn’t it just come naturally to us?

We Need To Open Our Eyes

*“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” –
Ephesians 2:10*

If God prepares good works for us beforehand, should they be visible to us? Why don’t we always see them?

Every church has a person named “Somebody” in it, because everyone praises them for being so faithful and hardworking. How will I know when it’s my turn to be “Somebody”?

We Need To Open Our Calendars

*“When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son.” –
Galatians 4:4*
*“Jesus said to them, ‘It is not for you to know times and seasons that the
Father has fixed by his own authority.’” – Acts 1:7*

In the teaching, we discussed the importance of organizing our “caregiving capacity”. And even went so far to suggest that for most people, setting aside a margin of 3-5 hours of week (outside of church time and devotions) might be a good thing. It might help those who always say “No” to get in the game, and those who always say “Yes” to rest and allow God to run the universe. But isn’t it unspiritual to speak of “organizing” my caregiving? Isn’t it worldly to limit my giving to a set number or hours? Isn’t it sinful to say “No”?