

BIG IDEA

A non-serving Christian is a tragic contradiction.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

What is the dirtiest job you have ever had to do?

Read John 13:1-5. Based on your understanding of this passage, what enabled Jesus to take the low position of washing his disciples' feet?

What is so significant about the fact that Jesus washed Judas' feet? What implications does this example have for your life?

Define "contradiction" in your own words. Why is a non-serving Christian a contradiction? Why is a non-serving Christian a *tragic* contradiction?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Read Mark 10:42-52. Would people use the word "servant" to describe you?

Reflect on Cal's statement from the message this week, "**Jesus is the example but we want to be the exception.**" In what area of your life do you want to be the exception to the example Jesus set for us?

What fears do you have about taking a "lowly" position in your family, workplace, or community?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

If someone was "mimicking" your life, what good things would they do or say? What not-so-good things might they pick up from your example?

What changes are you going to make this week to better follow Jesus' example of serving?

Read James 1:22-25. How can we avoid the temptation to "merely listen to the word"? Share your best strategies for putting faith into action with the group.

