

Sandy Relief: Part 2

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John 13:1-17

¹² 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. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Consider & Discuss

- 1. What are some examples of people serving you that have been especially meaningful to you?
- 2. When do you find serving others easy? When do you find it difficult?
- 3. What do you think are good motives for serving others? What do you think are questionable motives for serving others?
- 4. Read John 13:1-17. What do you think Jesus' motives were for washing His disciples' feet?
- 5. Why do you think Peter initially didn't want Jesus to wash his feet? What changed his mind?
- 6. In verses 10-11, Jesus used the idea of being "clean" on two levels. On the surface, He was referring to being physically clean. On a deeper level, He was speaking of being spiritually clean from sin and its effects. What are some ways we can serve others on both the physical and spiritual level?

Live It

- 1. Read John 13:1-17 several times this week. As you read it, ask God to help you to appreciate and embrace the spiritual cleansing Jesus has offered you; and ask Him to give you a desire to serve others.
- 2. Think of one practical way in which you can serve someone physically and/or spiritually this week, and do it.
- 3. Pick one practical idea from the <u>Hurricane Sandy Relief</u> page on our website and do it today!