



Lean In...To the Church

Pastor John continued in the sermon series “Lean In” this past Sunday and focused on leaning in to the church. The reality is that church is messy because we/people are messy. So Pastor John encouraged us to lean in even when community life is hard. We’ll be looking at the passage where Jesus washes his disciples feet (even though he knew one disciple would deny him and another would betray him) as an example of leaning in to community.

VISION: Explain the purpose of lifegroup.

FAMILY TIME:

- Introduction Question: What’s an act of service either you did for someone or someone did for you in the last few weeks? What was the effect of the service?
- Accountability Question: How have we put into practice what God spoke to us about last time?
- Sharing praise reports and prayer requests.

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY: John 13:1-15

1 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4 got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” 7 Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” 8 Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” 9 Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” 10 Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” 11 For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.” 12 After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. 14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash

*one another's feet. **15** For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.*

Discussion Questions:

- What strikes me from this text and why?
- What do I learn about Jesus?
- What do I learn about people or myself?
- What might leaning in to the church look like?
- What might God want to say to me through this text?
- What am I going to do this week as a result of this?
- Then pray for each other over how we're responding to God's word.