



January 11th, 2026
True Disciples Humbly Serve
John 13:12-17

1. Discuss the challenge to memorize John 15:1-17. If you're planning to participate – how are you going to tackle this passage? How can you work together as a Community Group to follow through and keep each other accountable?

2. How does Jesus challenge His disciples to think differently about leadership and honor? (see the cross references: Matthew 20:24-28 and Luke 22:24-27).

3. Why is domineering, prideful leadership fundamentally incompatible with the gospel?

4. Why does Jesus say that blessing comes through action, not just knowing (vs. 17)? How can strong theological knowledge actually *mask* spiritual disobedience?

5. What areas of leadership, influence, and authority do you have currently? Discuss how can you follow Christ in service through those positions:
 - *Where do you personally resist taking the role of a servant?*
 - *How does this passage confront our desire to be noticed or affirmed?*
 - *What does obedience look like when no one sees or thanks you?*
 - *Who in your life is God calling you to serve in a costly or uncomfortable way?*

Schedule for Memorizing John 15:1-17

January 11 - John 15:1-2 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

January 18 - John 15:3-4 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

January 25 - John 15:5-6 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

February 1 - John 15:7-8 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

February 8 - John 15:9-10 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

February 15 - John 15:11-12 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

February 22 - John 15:13-15 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

March 1 - John 15:16-17 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.