



WK 1 Cultures of a Healthy Church

The message on Sunday kicked off a 5-week series on the five cultures of a healthy church: Serving, Disciple-Making, Community, Generosity, and Evangelism.

Culture isn't just what a church does—it's who the church is.

The foundation of this series begins with understanding what the church is: not a building or event, but a body of believers with Jesus as the head, united by the Gospel and called to live on mission. This week's focus is on the culture of serving, drawing from John 13:1–17, where Jesus washes His disciples' feet—even Judas', who would betray Him.

We learned that:

- 1. We serve because of love – True service comes from sacrificial love for God and people, not selfish motives or for recognition.*
- 2. We serve because we know who we are – Jesus served knowing His identity in the Father. Likewise, we are servants in Christ, not for position but for purpose.*
- 3. We serve because Jesus showed us how – Jesus modeled humble service, reminding us that leadership in His Kingdom looks like a towel, not a title.*
- 4. We serve because it leads to blessing – Joy and growth are found in serving others, not in self-centered living.*

This isn't about checking boxes—it's about transformation that flows from the Gospel. The health of the church depends not just on strategy, but on culture rooted in Gospel identity and action.

Read John 13:1-17

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you most from this message?
2. How would you define the church based on what was shared?
3. In your own words, what does it mean to be part of the “rescue team” once you’ve been rescued by Jesus?
4. How does Jesus’ act of washing His disciples’ feet challenge your view of leadership and service?
5. Why is it important to understand your identity in Christ before you can truly serve others?
6. What do you think it means to “go deeper” into the Gospel, rather than beyond it?

Application Questions

1. Are you actively serving in your church, home, work, or community? Why or why not?
2. What motives drive your service—love, recognition, obligation, or something else?
3. Is there a task or group of people you find “beneath you”? What might Jesus say about that?
4. Reflect on Stephen’s example in Acts. How can God use simple acts of service to make an eternal impact?
5. Where is God calling you to take a next step in serving?
 - In your church?
 - In your family?
 - In your workplace?
 - In your neighborhood?
6. How can you make sure your service comes from a place of spiritual health and not burnout?

