

TELLING THE JESUS STORY WELL – PART V
“The Servant Approach”
John 13:1-17

Jesus is known for many things, one of which is being the ultimate servant. He served his heavenly Father, he served the apostles, he served his disciples, he served those whom he ministered to. In our passage for today, Jesus demonstrated his servant’s heart by washing the disciples feet and made a lasting impression on his men. Serving people through loving acts of kindness, can open the door to a discussion about Jesus.

The servant approach to telling the Jesus story is:
Showing people Jesus’ _____ by serving them
through acts of _____

#1. THE SETTING – JESUS’ LAST MEETING WITH HIS DISCIPLES,
vv. 1-3

- A. Jesus wanted to love his disciples to the end
- B. Jesus was in complete control in spite of his betrayal

#2. THE SERVANTS HEART OF JESUS IN ACTION – HE WASHED
THE DISCIPLES FEET, vv. 4-8

- A. Peter thought it was beneath Jesus to wash his feet
- B. Peter objected, because he didn’t understand

APPLICATION POINTS

- ♣ This lesson had lasting _____ on Peter and the others
- ♣ True _____ expresses itself in generous acts, 1 John 3:16-18
- ♣ True _____ expresses itself in generous acts, James 2:14-17

#3. THE SERVANT’S SPIRITUAL WASHING OF HIS DISCIPLES,
vv. 8-11

- A. Becoming a believer is taking a spiritual bath – the cross
- B. Becoming a believer requires daily cleansing
- C. Being betrayed by Judas was because he wasn’t clean

#4. THE SERVANT’S EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW – BE A PERSON OF
THE TOWEL, vv. 12-17

- A. This was a teachable moment for the disciples
- B. The disciples had a competitive spirit, Luke 22:24-27
- C. The disciples need to serve one another, vv. 14-15
- D. The disciples will be blessed if they do like Jesus, vv. 16-17

APPLICATION POINTS

- ♣ Sharing the gospel is not _____ with other believers
- ♣ A servant’s humble heart promotes harmonious _____
- ♣ Greatness in the kingdom is through _____
- ♣ _____ the Jesus story don’t just _____ the Jesus story,
Matthew 5:14-16

ANSWERS: Love, Kindness, Impression, Love, Faith, Competition,
Teamwork, Servanthood, Show, Tell.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Describe the setting of the Last Supper.
 - A. What was Jesus feeling and thinking?
 - B. What were the disciples feeling and thinking?
- #2. What do you make of vv. 2-3 regarding the cosmic battle between God and Satan?
- #3. For what reason(s) did Jesus wash the disciples feet?
- #4. What are some ways that sharing the gospel with people can be a source of competition between believers?
- #5. What are some of the dangers of Christian leaders not demonstrating humility and servanthood?
- #6. Explain what Jesus meant in vv. 8-11.
- #7. Read James 2:14-17 and discuss its application for us
- #8. Read 1 John 3:16-18 and discuss its application for us
- #9. Read Luke 22:24-27 and share your insights
- #10. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome to Hillcrest Church

Love, Acceptance, Forgiveness!

*our gospel came to you not simply with words but
also with power, with the Holy Spirit
and deep conviction.*

1 Thessalonians 1:5

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

Thank you for visiting us this morning. We hope you have a blessed time of worship.

NEXT WEEK – CELEBRATION OF NEW LIFE FOR JUDAH OLSEN

After the service the Hillcrest family will celebrate the new born life of Judah. We rejoice with Aaron, Melissa and Kharis over the birth of their son. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Any questions call Kathy Brooks 916-847-8123

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH BEGINS THE ONLINE TRAINING

Make sure you take a book and class syllabus at the information center in back of the sanctuary.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Prayer Meeting: Tuesday at 7pm with Pastor Tim Brooks

Bible Study: Wednesday at 6:30 – 7:45pm: “Telling the Jesus Story Well” training with Pastor Bruce, Paul and Pat Milton. Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

PROJECT “WINDOW 23”

\$5,000 for the new windows. An update on how much has been donated for the project will be available next week.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

Telling the Jesus Story Well!

Specialized Training

Beginning

February 15th, Wednesday at 6:30pm, in Zoomland

Ending March 15th

Team Teaching by pastor Bruce, Paul & Pat Milton

In 2023 Hillcrest is focusing on reaching out to our community.

We are offering interactive training to do this, which will include but not be limited to:

- ♣ Discussing the components of the gospel
- ♣ Discussing the Scriptural basis of the gospel
- ♣ Discussing different approaches to sharing the gospel
- ♣ How to craft your own gospel presentation
- ♣ How to craft your own testimony
- ♣ How to answer objections to the gospel
- ♣ How to engage people in a spiritual discussion
- ♣ How to invite someone to church
- ♣ How a church can be present in a community

You are invited! We are gearing up for a new adventure and would love to have you be involved in the training.

We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

We want to represent Jesus well!