

Deeply Rooted Week 10: Smells Like Commitment

Scripture: [John 13: 1-17](#)

Video Lesson:

<https://vimeo.com/642805900>

Our Prayer:

Loving God, give me the heart of a servant, willing and open to care for those around me. Amen.

Memorable Quotes:

To climb ever closer to God is not to move away from our troubled and troubling neighbors, but closer to them.

— Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, *The Wisdom of Stability*

Service is love made visible. If you love friends, you will serve your friends. If you love community, you will serve your community. If you love money, you will serve your money. And if you love only yourself, you will serve only yourself. And you will have only yourself. — Stephen Colbert, [Commencement Address at Northwestern University](#)

Questions for Reflection:

- What is one word or phrase that stood out to you from today's scripture passage?
- In which areas of your life do you see yourself as a servant? If you don't feel that way, where in your life might servanthood be possible?
- In what ways does your heart come alive when you are acting in service to others? What does that feel like?
- Can you name a time when someone served you that made a real difference?

Practices to Adopt:

- Read all of John 13. Consider how Jesus' message about serving others is especially meaningful in light of the revelations he makes later in the chapter.
- Pray this week's prayer (above).
- Discuss with your group ways that each of you could be of service to your family, your co-workers, or your neighbors. Put one of these into practice.

Resources to Go Deeper:

Bible Project (["What's the Biblical Vision of Justice?"](#) podcast)

Rob Bell, *Nooma vol. 13: Rich*

["Don't Just 'Serve' the Poor"](#) by Anna Glenn, missionary, in *Relevant* magazine

[Strength to Love](#), by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

[No Greater Love](#), by Mother Teresa