

**2023-24 Aim Check-in**

- Becoming disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.
  - Creating a community of faith that meaningfully engages our community of residence.
1. Since you last met as a H2H group, have you made any movement towards the aims we've set?
  2. How might we as a H2H group help support or encourage you towards these aims?

**Discussion Questions Set #1**

“It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end ... When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.” (John 13:1, 12-17)

1. If you could sum up the ministry/service exhibited by Jesus in the above passage in one word, what word would you use?
2. Thinking of the above example of Christ’s service to others, would you be more likely to consider it a surprising act or an expected act of Jesus? Why?
3. Why is it important that the follower of Jesus consider his or her motivation in service or ministry?
4. In sermon, it was suggested that in this passage we encounter what ought to be the primary motivation for any service/ministry in the church – love. Why is love (of God and others) a proper and God-honouring motivation? Discuss what results from ministry/service motivated by love.

**Discussion Questions Set #2**

“Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others.” (Matthew 23:5-7)

“Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.” (Colossians 3:5)

“It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-19)

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment”. (1 John 4:18)

In sermon, we acknowledged that sometimes service or ministry within the body of Christ can be motivated by things other than love of others; namely, selfish pride and fear.

1. Why is ministry motivated by pride such a destructive reality to the church? What might ministry done out of pride look like within the church today? How might we remedy such a motivation?
2. Why is ministry motivated by fear such a destructive reality to the church? What might ministry done out of fear look like within the church today? How might we remedy such a motivation?

**Discussion Questions Set #3**

In sermon, we were encouraged to be a people who minister out of love, with reciprocity and in true humility as we follow the example of Christ Jesus.

1. Discuss the following quote from our sermon: *if ever you encounter a ministry system that derides the loving, humble service of others, or promotes vain celebrity ministry, or belittles the need for reciprocity in service, then run from it. Run from it because such a ministry system is founded on evil desires and the destined outcome of such things is nothing more than destruction.*
2. When I serve or minister, do I do so out of love for others?
3. Do I both serve others and permit them to serve me? Which is easier for me: to serve others or to be served by others?
4. Do I serve and minister humbly?