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Sermon Title: A new look at: Time with God & Serving

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Big Idea/Sermon focus:

- Who we are will determine what we do.
- **Time with God:** Who we are “alongside” (friends with) has a major impact on who we are, and what we are like.
- **Serving:** Times have changed, but God's gifts are given for us to bless others with (serving). How can we navigate the call of God in our lives in the current context that we are living in?

Message / key study scripture: John 13:1-5, 12-17

- Verses 3-5 – they seem to be contradictory (the ruler of the universe doing menial tasks) and yet are actually complementary. Discuss
- Verses 14&15 – Jesus seems to be deliberately setting the example for us – setting the bar high when it comes to serving – what is he subsequently asking of us?
- Discuss what you think Jesus meant in Verse 16?

Questions:

1. What stood out the most to you from the “new look” at these two topics?
2. New look at time with God:
 - a. Did you take up either of the challenges set on the day (minimum four times in the Scriptures per week and/or five minutes of silence and stillness just sitting regularly with Jesus (or perhaps your own variation))?
 - b. If so, what, if any differences have you noticed since then?

N.B Jeremy would like to encourage groups to regularly re-visit these questions as the year progresses.

2. How is your work / home life / church life balance at the moment? What could be improved or changed (if anything)?
3. Is there anything you have a gifting or passion for that you are not actively serving in? Are you ready to activate this gift? If not yet, why not?
(Inherent in this question: what is the *one thing* you can do to serve God and others?)
4. Simply – are you where Jesus wants you to be regarding serving?

Pray with each other accordingly.