

February 8, 2026

Serve (Genesis 1:26-2:1, John 13:1-5)

Warmup: Identify a paradigm shift that has occurred in your lifetime.

As you think about serving the people around you, which type of resistance do you feel the most:

- Overwhelmed — not sure where to start or how to help
- Indifferent — it's not something you think about often
- Prideful — serving in ways that feel more about your image than their good
- Something else: _____

READ Genesis 1:26-2:1

- In the sermon, Pastor Neil explained how the cosmology of many Ancient Near Eastern cultures shaped a specific worldview. These creation stories were told from the perspective that humans were created to work for the gods so the gods could rest. How does this passage of Scripture present the character of God and a different worldview?
- Pastor Neil also explained how cosmology, anthropology, and politics work together to shape what you believe about God. With one other person, discuss: How does my worldview, including my political view, affect my daily interactions with people?

READ John 13:1-5

- Is Jesus washing the feet of the disciples an act of kindness or something more? Explain.
- In the ancient world, washing someone's grimy feet was the lowest of servant jobs. In an honor-and-shame culture, retaining dignity and honor were of utmost importance. What is Jesus demonstrating to His disciples in this passage of Scripture?
 - How does Jesus serving His disciples in this way present a paradigm shift in their culture?

RESPOND

- Jesus laid down His crown and tied a towel around His waist. What do you need to put down to serve and bless a neighbor, or someone in your family?
- Spend a few minutes praying with one other person in your Life Group to answer this question: What is Jesus revealing to you about BLESSING your neighbor? (first share with the person beside you, then share as a larger group)
- Who will you serve this week? Designate an accountability person in your Life Group to encourage you in follow-through.
- What are new ways you can serve together as a Life Group?

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