

Branches -- Humble Disciples Serving Others

Who We Are Endeavoring to be In Christ at Jenkins

John 15 – I am the Vine and You are the Branches.

Believers in Jesus the Christ

Redeemed, Restored, Reconciled

Ambassadors of Christ for God

New Creations in Christ

Compassionate Caring Community

Humble Disciples serving others

Engaged pilgrims in this world

Sent to proclaim the Good News of Jesus

H Like our savior Jesus the Christ we must be Humble Servants of Others. We know that the Lord God will take care of us and our needs. Therefore we do not need to fight for our rights and positions in the Kingdom of God nor in the world at large. Rather we take the same attitude that Jesus did and become humble servants to others. By lifting up our sisters and brothers in the community and in this world we bring glory and honor to God. We can only be the compassionate community we are called to be by being humble servants of others. It is our attitude before God and should be our attitude in service

Scripture to Reflect on

. **Philippians 2: 1-8, 1 Peter 5:5, John 13: 12-15**

We are to be Humble Disciples Serving Others – People of the Basin and Towel

hum·ble 1. having or showing a modest estimate of one's value or importance;
not arrogant or self-important.

Luke 18:9-14 Are we like the Pharisee who had great confidence in his own righteousness and scorned everyone else? Or are we like the Tax Collector that knew he needed God's Grace?

Selfishness, Jealousy, Pride, Arrogance Get in the way of our humility

I am Better than "Those/Them", How Come I didn't get _____? Why do they get
_____? They don't deserve that.--

When our focus is on what we didn't get and thought we should. When we want our own way to the expense of others. When we need to be the center of everything. Then we are not being humble servants.

How we treat others, think of others reflects our humility or lack of humility.

“Humility doesn’t mean thinking less of yourself. It means thinking of yourself less.” Rick Warren

John 13 – Jesus washes his disciples’ feet. All the disciples, even Judas who would betray him and Peter who would deny him, and all the rest who would desert him.

What does being people of the Basin and Towel mean?

The questions we need to ask ourselves:

1. What would Jesus Do here?
2. How can I be a blessing to others "now"?
3. Who needs to be lifted up?
4. What would I want in this moment and how can I give that to someone else?

The Flip Side of Humility

1. Can I be humble enough to be served?
2. Do I let Jesus wash my feet?
3. Can I receive as well as give?
4. Is my Pride in the way of my humility?

Caring people help others not because they expect a reward but because it is natural to show kindness.

Within the church, in our community, in our nation, in all of our interactions we need to be Humble Disciples Serving Others, just as Jesus showed us.