

Lost Cause | Week 4 - Why We Need to Serve Others**Message Big Idea**

If we are going to revive evangelism, we must offer genuine friendship to others.

Scripture

Matthew 11:16-19, John 13:1-17 and Luke 22:24-27

Points to Keep In Mind

1. You can find this entire series, “Lost Cause”, on rightnowmedia.com, complete with compelling video from our very own Dave Ferguson, and additional study material for you to use in your group if you’d like. Rightnowmedia is an excellent resource for small groups and is free to all COMMUNITY attenders. Each of your group members can register at communitychristian.org/rightnowmedia to enjoy all of its benefits.
2. In Matthew 11:16-17, Jesus compares the Israelites in his day to children playing in the marketplace. He uses this metaphor for those not receiving his or John the Baptist’s message. They are “piping”, but the people are not interpreting their actions correctly. “Wisdom is proved right by her actions” reflects how good consequences result from wise choices. It is a prophetic warning to listen and consider what Jesus is saying.
3. Washing guests’ feet was normally a job for a household servant, so this was a radical statement made by Jesus. Not only did it signify Jesus’ servant attitude to his disciples, it was also a powerful message about what their mission would be – to move into the world to serve God and all people to whom they brought the good news. Peter struggled with Jesus, his Master, acting like a servant because he still did not fully understand Jesus’ teaching that to be an effective leader, a person must first be a servant.
4. Each week of this series, we have highlighted simple practices that help us join Jesus in his mission of seeking and saving the lost. We call these the B.L.E.S.S. practices. The B stands for Begin with prayer. The L stands for Listen. The E stands for Eat. As we live out these first three practices, we will discover ways we can show up in people’s lives and serve them, which is the first S for Serve. Jesus modeled this practice for us. Serving wasn’t just something he did; it was who he was. It was part of his identity.

Additional Questions and Resources

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
3. Have you considered getting baptized? communitychristian.org/baptism
4. What have you been learning from the Community Daily? communitychristian.org/daily
5. If someone is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/
6. Find out more about having a YOU+ conversation by visiting: youplus.info