



# GROUPS AT CROSS POINT

## BREAKING THE ICE

What is the longest line you have ever waited in?

Whatever you were waiting for - was it worth the wait?

## MAIN CONTENT

This week, Pastor Kevin continued in our series For the One by discussing how Jesus came for everyone, and for the one — the one who's hurting, the one who seems insignificant and the one that feels forgotten.

1. What stood out to you the most in this week's message?

Jesus never put anyone above another. He constantly worked at serving those around Him. There was never a line of whom He served first, from the most important to the least important. Everyone was equal. He saw the marginalized, oppressed, and poor; outcasts and those who no one liked, and He made sure they received just as much attention as any other follower.

2. Describe a time you may have felt marginalized or insignificant, like you were last in line.

The 12 disciples that followed Jesus had a hard time understanding why He didn't serve the religious followers first. In fact, they often debated on whom was the greatest, not understanding that Jesus never elevated anyone above another. They had selfish ambition to be the best and greatest - to be first in line.

Jesus understood their ambition to be better, but they had it all wrong. It's not about being the greatest; it's about being great for the benefit of others, not yourself. Putting others needs above yours, serving someone other than yourself.





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3. Have you ever had someone serve you and value you above themselves?

## Read Matthew 20:20-28

In this verse, Jesus makes it an even playing field. There are no more lines of who is first and who is last. No one is in front of another, because Jesus died for everyone and for “the one”. Before He died, He served.

## Read John 13:3-5

Jesus served the disciples by washing their feet; this act of service was reserved for the lowest slaves. He saw the need to have feet washed and he met it.

4. Have you had the opportunity to see a need and meet that need for someone else in your life?

5. Where can you meet a need for someone else in your life?

This type of service Jesus did for others was announced. Jesus never proclaimed when He was going to serve someone. He just served them.

6. If you could serve someone else anonymously what would you do to serve them?

When we serve others, we tend to serve those we don't know. Serving someone we do not know is easy. We usually don't have as much pride attached to serving someone we don't know. We are in control of what we are doing, we know how long it will take and we know who is watching.

It's when you choose to serve the ones we love that things can be more difficult. It often requires more grace for that person, possibly even forgiveness that we haven't wanted to extend before. Serving someone you know can be hard, because maybe you think they really don't deserve it, but that's not what Jesus did. Jesus washed the disciples' feet and served them knowing that Judas was about to betray him to the authorities and that Peter was about to deny him 3 times, yet He still chose to serve his disciples.

7. Is there someone in your life who may not deserve to be served, but you feel the prompting to serve them? Explain.





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Serving means we have to slow down to see the need. When we slow down, we see people. We see their needs; we see where they can experience Jesus in their lives. It's not about them seeing us, but about how we can show them Jesus and serve them as He has asked us to.

8. Where do you need to slow down in your life? How can you make a point to slow down and show the love of Jesus to others and serve them?

## CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for showing us what it means to be a servant to others. Will You show us who to serve and how to serve them? Please show us how we can be humbled, how to slow down and ways to serve those around us. We ask You to reveal anything in our hearts that needs to be confessed so we can love and serve like You do. In Jesus' name, amen.

## ACTION STEP

This week, pray and ask God where He would have you serve others. Ask Him to show you any unforgiveness that you may have to allow you to be used fully by Him. If you need ideas on how to serve your neighbors, we still have a few projects left from For the One to serve others this week. You can check them out at [www.crosspoint.tv/local](http://www.crosspoint.tv/local).

