

IN THE WORLD

John 17:9-19

LESSON 9
November 1, 2020

Connect timeless truths with today's news.



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FOLLOWING CHRIST’S EXAMPLE

A month ago, Rev. Greg Collins, 59, a minister in North Carolina, died of COVID-19. “Pastor Greg” was praised for his servant’s heart. A fellow minister wrote that it was especially difficult for Greg to “do pastoral care without touching people.” He confessed to sometimes feeling he couldn’t help his church thrive anymore and was just trying to help it survive. “I am going to keep on trying to be the kind of John 3:16 pastor that Greg was,” the writer said. “Love people in Jesus name. Serve people in Jesus name. And in our loving and serving, it is our prayer that more people will come to know Jesus as their Savior.”

CHRIST SETTING HIS EXAMPLE

Everything in the disciples’ experience said that the way to succeed in life was to gain prominence in the eyes of others. Even three years with Jesus had not fully overturned these beliefs. When Jesus, the most prominent among them, knelt down to wash their feet, it must have seemed so strange—even wrong. Our world values those who gain superiority over others. But God, who has all superiority, takes a servant’s towel and goes to His knees to serve.

1. Who is the most servant-hearted person you have known?
2. In what ways does God serve us?
3. How can you serve others in Jesus’ name this week?

Additional Resources

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