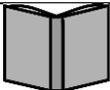




Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	15-03-2026	Now, play it forwards
 Start	<p>When, after waiting ages to turn right, someone lets you through, do you: A) keep close to the car in front, to stop anyone else from getting in front of you? B) let someone else in?</p> <p>When you find the trolley is unchained with a fake 'coin' in it, do you later: A) pass the trolley onto someone else, <i>in return for their £1 coin</i>? B) pass the trolley on to someone else for free?</p> <p>When you buy your 8th coffee and so complete your rewards card, do you A) Use the rewards card next time to claim your free coffee? B) Pass on the completed rewards to some else to have the free coffee?</p>	
 Discuss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> What does it mean to 'play it forwards'? <input type="checkbox"/> Why are we more likely to bless others when we, ourselves, have been blessed? <input type="checkbox"/> When can serving others be just another way to serve ourselves? How do we guard against this? <input type="checkbox"/> When can our 'acts of service' really be more about putting others down/ 'in their place', and reinforcing our own position/ power/ privilege? 	
 Read	John 13:12-17	 Listen again ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
 Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> v.12: What had Jesus just done? <i>Who</i> had He done this to? <i>Why</i> had He done this? <input type="checkbox"/> v.13: What kind of 'teacher' was Jesus? How was Jesus different to others who claimed to be teachers'? Read Matthew 7:28-29. What kind of 'Lord'? was Jesus? How was Jesus different to others who 'lorded it' over others? Read Luke 8:25. <input type="checkbox"/> v.14-15: Why might the Disciples not have washed other people's feet? Why with Jesus are we to 'play it forward'? What's the difference between <i>believing</i> in Christ and <i>following</i> Christ? How clear/ unambiguous is v.15? <input type="checkbox"/> v.16: Why do we struggle sometimes to serve others? If we accept that Jesus 'washes feet', but we are reluctant to, what are we saying about our status in relation to Christ? <input type="checkbox"/> v.17: How does <i>knowing</i> make us <i>responsible</i>? How is it a blessing to serve others? When have you been blessed by serving others? 	
 Go further	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Read Luke 6:32-36. <input type="checkbox"/> When is hospitality simply being a 'middle class' host/ hostess? <input type="checkbox"/> When does hospitality become a spiritual gift? <input type="checkbox"/> What is the cost of hospitality? 	
 Reflect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? 	

 <p>Do</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take an opportunity to serve someone this week (in ways that don't inflate your own position/ power/ privilege.) <input type="checkbox"/> As a small group, run a 'Secret Server' (like Secret Santa, but without the beard). Write all member's names on pieces of paper and place in a hat/ bowl. Each member then pulls out a name at random. Their task over the next few weeks is to <i>secretly</i> bless/ serve (and pray for) their 'name' – without being detected.
 <p>Pray</p>	<p>Pray the famous prayer attributed to St Francis of Assisi:</p> <p>Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is error, the truth; where there is doubt, the faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.</p> <p>O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love.</p> <p>For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.</p>
 <p>My questions:</p>	

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