



This week at MRC we spent some time in John 13 considering the question, “How do you use the power that God has entrusted to you?”

As we began we mentioned the backdrop of a number of recent examples of ‘pastoral abuse’ - horrible situations where ‘power’ has been wielded in a self-serving manner.

We noted that that kind of leadership is entirely at odds with the example of Jesus who in humility, laid aside his status, and in love cleaned the feet of his disciples. This action, an ‘enacted parable’ that points to the cross, is a reality that we need to receive.

1. The cross is how we get clean
2. The cross is our model for service

- What kinds of power has the Lord entrusted to you? How can you, like Jesus, use this to be a blessing in the context that God has put you?

(If you’re struggling to think of what kinds of ‘power’ you have consider relational power with others (friends, family etc), theological (as you grasp truths), perhaps being part of a majority culture in a location, different leadership responsibilities etc).

- Where are you tempted to use this power for your own self?
- How can the work and the example of Jesus help you to serve others?
- How can we encourage a culture of loving and serving one another at MRC, using our power for the flourishing of others?