

# TAKEAWAY

## JESUS THE SERVANT

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### INTRODUCTION

It might be helpful to spend some time reflecting on Andy's ministry as a group.

What have you appreciated about Andy's ministry? Why is this important to a church?

How has Andy pointed you to Jesus?

How would you like to pray for Andy and Cerys as they move on to Torquay?

How do you feel about the future of Maybridge Community Church? What do you want to ask God for as we look to the future?

Andy spoke about how Jesus' ministry is characterised by service.

### READ

John 13 v1-17

### REFLECT

In John 13, Jesus comes to share a final meal with his disciples before he is arrested and crucified. We know from Luke 22 that on the way to the meal, the disciples argued about which one of them was the greatest! During the meal, Jesus shows them. At that time, washing the feet of another was a dirty job done by whoever was the 'lowest' person present (often a servant or slave).

The disciples would have been slow to volunteer as to do so was effectively an admission that one was *not* the greatest. However, Jesus turns things round and serves them, despite being the 'highest' person. In doing so, he tells us something about Himself, and also models the way His followers are to live.

### DISCUSS

Why is Peter so offended that Jesus intends to wash his feet?

In what ways are we all like Peter?

Our culture defines leadership in terms of success and power. Why is this so appealing?

Why is the way Jesus models so much harder to embrace?

What would the world be like if leaders were more like Jesus?

What holds you/us back from leading like Jesus?

What reassurance is there in knowing that Jesus first serves us before we go on to serve others?

PRAY for Andy and Cerys, for one another, and for our future as a church.