

Friday - March 14

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. John 13: 14-15 NIV

Have you ever made a commitment to something and then questioned if you could follow through? For some, it may be impulsiveness but for others (me) it may be a lack of thinking through what that commitment would entail. Flash back to the summer of 2021. We were still trying to figure out a new normal after COVID. I had been interested in taking the Disciple study and Kim La Rue announced that Disciple I would begin in the fall. I had been doing studies for several years, so that concept was not new to me. What I didn't think through (see above) was that I was making a 4-year commitment during a time that I had a high school freshman and a 7th grader. I didn't know it at the time, but over the next four years, both my husband and I would change jobs, we would care for his ailing mother, and we would move my mother here to be closer to us - all major life changes.

Was it overwhelming at times? Absolutely. Would I do it all over again? Absolutely! The gratitude that I feel for the members of our group is immeasurable. I am in awe of Kim and Jeff Firkins, our leaders, and the wisdom they bring and the discussion they facilitate. Participating in Disciple has been unlike any study that I have done and has been truly transformative. When I think back to the past 200 years of our church and think ahead to the next 200 years, I believe that is what will sustain us - the people. We are designed to be together in worship, study and mission and for that I am truly grateful. I selected the verse above because we are nearing the end of Disciple IV and this is from our current reading. We are called to help teach others, by our actions and by our words.

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Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for bringing people into my life that help me learn about you, your work and my faith. I pray that everyone in this congregation finds an experience or group that helps them know you. I ask that you continue to bless this congregation and particularly those that feel overwhelmed by everyday life. Help them find people to help them engage and feel supported. Amen.