

**Think It Over:** This section is about turning what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take your own next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- Everyone has some kind of feeling about feet—what's yours? What's the nastiest, smelliest thing you've ever cleaned up?
- Describe someone who serves you. What impact do they have on your life? Why do you think Jesus used some of His last hours alive to wash dirty feet?
- Read John 13:1-2, 4-5, 7 12-15 from Message Guide. Explain what is going on. How is Jesus' example to impact our lives? Be specific.
- Read Matthew 23:11-12 from Message Guide. How does this scripture make you feel about the people you interact with each day?
- Talk about a time you experienced the value of service. Do you serve at SCC or in your community? How have your family, work, passion, and relationships been affected?
- Compare times in your life where you've been more and less involved in service. What patterns do you notice? If you're not currently serving, where do you think God could use you?
- Read some more about serving: Acts 20:35; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Galatians 5:13-14; Mark 10:44-45.

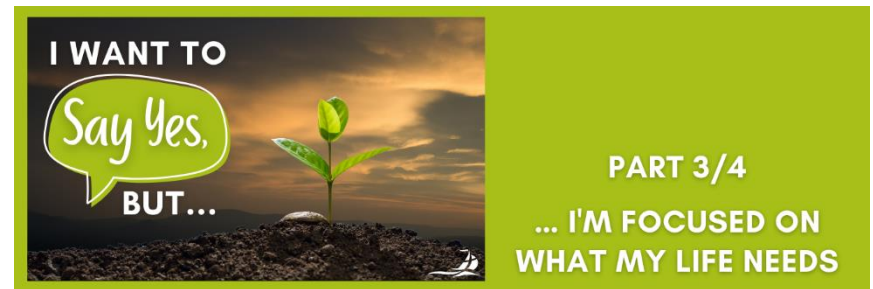
**Next Steps:** If you aren't serving yet, check out <http://senecacommunitychurch.com/say-yes> for some great serving ideas!



**Changing Your Mind:** Choose one of the verses listed in the Message Guide and commit it to heart.



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*Jesus knew that the night before Passover would be his last night on earth before leaving this world to return to the Father's side. All throughout his time with his disciples, Jesus had demonstrated a deep and tender love for them. And now he longed to show them the full measure of his love. <sup>2</sup>Before their evening meal had begun, the accuser had already planted betrayal into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.*  
John 13:1–2 TPT

*<sup>4</sup> ... so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup>After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*  
John 13:4–5 NIV

*<sup>12</sup>When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup>"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.*  
John 13:12–15 NIV

*<sup>11</sup>"Do you want to stand out? Then step down. Be a servant (from the heart-TPT). <sup>12</sup>If you puff yourself up, you'll get the wind knocked out of you. But if you're content to simply be yourself, your life will count for plenty.*  
Matthew 23:11–12 MSG

➡ We're not \_\_\_\_\_.

*<sup>3</sup> Don't cherish exaggerated ideas of yourself or your importance, but try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities by the light of the faith that God has given to you all.*  
Romans 12:3 Phillips

➡ We're not our \_\_\_\_\_.

*<sup>5</sup>so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*  
Romans 12:5 NIV

*<sup>4</sup>In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around.*

*Romans 12:4 MSG*

☞ We're not \_\_\_\_\_ \* to be a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(\*see part 2 of this series)

*<sup>8</sup>God, Your hands shaped me and made me...* Job 10:8 NIV

*<sup>6</sup>In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. [So] let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't.* Romans 12:6 NLT, MSG

\_\_\_\_\_ Your \_\_\_\_\_

*<sup>40</sup>So don't you be slovenly and careless. Just when you don't expect him, the Son of Man will show up." <sup>43</sup>He is a blessed man if when the master shows up he's doing his job. <sup>45</sup>But if he says to himself, 'The master is certainly taking his time,' begins maltreating the servants and maids, throws parties for his friends, and gets drunk, <sup>46</sup>the master will walk in when he least expects it, give him the thrashing of his life, and put him back in the kitchen peeling potatoes. <sup>47</sup>"The servant who knows what his master wants and ignores it, or insolently does whatever he pleases, will be thoroughly thrashed. <sup>48</sup>But if he does a poor job through ignorance, he'll get off with a slap on the hand. Great gifts mean great responsibilities; greater gifts, greater responsibilities! Luke 12:40, 43-48 MSG*

*<sup>10</sup>God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us new people so that we would spend our lives doing the good things he had already planned for us to do.* Ephesians 2:10 ERV

*<sup>13</sup>...until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.* Ephesians 4:13 MSG

### SCC's Purpose:

Making a \_\_\_\_\_ in people's lives \_\_\_\_\_  
they are by \_\_\_\_\_ them into a \_\_\_\_\_  
relationship with God \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ.

*<sup>13</sup>... Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. <sup>14</sup>For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. <sup>15</sup>If you bite and ravage each other, watch out—in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then?* Galatians 5:13-15 MSG

*<sup>6</sup>God's marvelous grace imparts to each one of us varying gifts and ministries that are uniquely ours. So if God has given you the grace-gift of prophecy, you must activate your gift by using the proportion of faith you have to prophesy. <sup>7</sup>If your grace-gift is serving, then thrive in serving others well. If you have the grace-gift of teaching, then be actively teaching and training others. <sup>8</sup>If you have the grace-gift of encouragement, then use it often to encourage others. If you have the grace-gift of giving to meet the needs of others, then may you prosper in your generosity without any fanfare. If you have the gift of leadership, be passionate about your leadership. And if you have the gift of showing compassion, then flourish in your cheerful display of compassion. <sup>9</sup>Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it...*

*Romans 12:6-9 TPT, MSG*

- To be a difference maker, \_\_\_\_\_ your shape.
- To be a difference maker, \_\_\_\_\_ your shape.
- To be a difference maker, \_\_\_\_\_ God to shape.
- To be a difference maker, \_\_\_\_\_ your shape.

### Bottom Line:

Being a \_\_\_\_\_ isn't what you \_\_\_\_\_,  
it is \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_.

Resources for this message include material from Life Church, Mecklenburg Community Church, & Saddleback Church.

To help you turn what God is saying to you into action steps, consider using the Think It Over section on the back.