**24th February 2019**

**Parish Mission Goal #4 | Manaakitanga/Service**

**Luke 22:24-27 & John 13:12-17**

* **Final Week of Mission Goals, in prep for Vision Week & Vision Sunday.**
	+ Susan is going to start our time together.
* **Final week of Mission Goals, ‘who we want to be known as’, leading us to discerning God’s Vision for us; ‘what it will look like when we are fully living these values out.’**
	+ Recap 3 values so far:
		- Unity/Kotahitanga (up) – Family/Whanaungatanga (in) – Disciples/Akonga (up together as in)
	+ All leads to the outward expression of our faith:
		- (cf city on a hill, lamp on a stand)
		- MANAAKITANGA/SERVICE
			* Define Mana/aki/tanga (place or time of verbs action)
* **The Bible teaches that a relationship with God will transform us (individually and as a community) to live not for ourselves, but to give away our lives out of love for others:**
	+ Following the Example of Jesus (cf Phil 2)
	+ (cf Faith without deeds in James)
		- **Not about $$, or charity, about service – giving away of life to build up another.**
		- “give to everyone who asks, and don’t demand repayment.” (luke 6, Matt 5)
* **In Today’s readings we see two great examples, and parts of Jesus teaching, on the servant nature of Christian life**
	+ Both taken from account of last supper – 2 gospels
		- Luke: ‘who is the greatest’ … one who serves like Jesus
		- John: washes disciples feet, ‘ive given you an example that you ought to follow.’
	+ Deacon’s Ordination (servant)
		- “God has no hands but your hands” (St Theresa)
	+ Food Pantry
* **As an open and loving family of disciples of Christ, united by our worship and relationship with him;
we are called to live lives in which we share all that we have, in our communities, so that all people can meet Jesus and have life in all its fullness.**

* Kairos:
	+ What is God saying to me?
	+ What am I going to do about it?
	+ What will this look like when we’re fully living it out as a church?