**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?