

This Is Love Do Something

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It's so easy to be overwhelmed by the constant stream of bad news. We can't just shut it out. We can't try to take it all on, either. We want to follow the command and example of Jesus, and do something about the things we can do something about.

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- We live in a time where we're aware of everything, everywhere.
 - Bad news can be so overwhelming, we're tempted to shut it out, take it all on, or do nothing and complain about everything.
 - We have a responsibility to do something about the things we can do something about.
 - When you see everything you have as being on loan from God, you should never feel guilty; you should feel responsible.
 - Followers of Jesus should be fueled by a single command—love others as he has loved us.
 - Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. | John 13, v.14
 - I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. | John 13, v.15
 - Over the past 4 years, we as a church have spent more than 34,000 hours serving local nonprofits and given away more than \$224,000 to further their efforts.
 - During This Is Love, we're trying to collectively say, "Everybody matters to God, whether God matters to them or not."
 - We're asking 100% of you to give. And then we're giving 100% of it away.
 - We want everyone to give \$39.95 as part of This Is Love.
 - You can text [HERE](#) to 215-999-8575 and the link will take you to a menu where you can click "Give to This is Love."
 - Poverty is one of Philadelphia's biggest challenges. 1 in 4 Philadelphians lives under the poverty line.
 - The money we give is a game-changer for these organizations, and it's a life changer for the people and the families that they serve
 - Do something about the things you can do something about.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do you typically try to deal with all of the bad news that surrounds us each day?
2. Jesus washes his disciples' feet and says that he's given them an example of what to do for others. What does this mean for you individually and for us collectively as a church?
3. Rather than do nothing or get overwhelmed trying to do everything, we should do something about the things we can do something about. What are some examples of things you *can* do for someone or something around you?
4. Years from now, what would you like to be able to say about how you viewed and dealt with the problems and suffering around you?