**Hillside UMC Sermon Prep Sheet**

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**Sermon Title: On Purpose: Leading With Purpose**

**Scripture: John 13:12-17 (*NIV*)** 12When 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. 13“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. 15I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

**John 20:30-31 (*NIV*)** 30Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**Call to Worship: (8:30 only)**

Leader: Scripture calls us to intentionally bless the Lord at all times. As his church we have the unique opportunity to praise his name together. Let’s read [Psalm 34:1-3](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ps%2034.1-3), as we are reminded and encouraged to magnify the Lord together on this day and every day.

**People: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!**

**Basic Theme: *A Christian life is a life lived on purpose that begins and ends with God. To discover our purpose, we must first realize that our identity is grounded in a relationship with Jesus Christ. In his book The Purpose Driven Life, Rick Warren writes, “Without God life makes no sense.” If you want to discover your purpose and bring greater meaning to your life, you must begin with God–“Everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him.” (Colossians 1:16b, Msg) Our ultimate purpose is to glorify God in all we do… on purpose!***

**Sermon Snapshot (Key Points): Leadership expert John C. Maxwell writes, “Leadership is influence. Nothing more, nothing less.” Many define a leader as one who exerts power over others, but Jesus defined a leader as one who serves others. Jesus modeled this perfectly when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then, he instructed them to do the same. We are all called to be leaders because we are all called to serve. The purpose of John’s Gospel was to tell the story of Jesus in such a way so that others will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, and that by believing they would have life in his name. The purpose of our lives is to live in such a way so as to continue the story of Jesus inviting others to believe and receive new life in his name.**

**So What? Who are you called to serve? Who are you called to lead? Will you go and do likewise?**