

Selfless

Faithful in Service (Week 2)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

When we see our selfishness and shift our focus to Jesus, his perfect example enables us to faithfully serve others.

Key Scriptures

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3-5

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! Philippians 2:5-8

“Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” But he answered, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?” “How many loaves do you have?” He asked. “Go and see.” When they found out, they said, “Five – and two fish.” Mark 6:36-37

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Matthew 19:14

“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. John 13:13-15

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Luke 14:11

Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it’s thinking of yourself less.

– Rick Warren

Start talking.

- Where in your life do you struggle the most with being selfless?
- Who is the most selfless person you know? How are they viewed by others?

Start thinking.

- Why is there a connection between humility and serving others?
- What are some tangible ways that we could “wash one another’s feet?”
- Pastor Ryan mentioned that Jesus’ example motivates us to Bring a Lunch, Embrace the Mess, and Carry a Towel. How else does the life and ministry of Jesus motivate us to serve others?

Start sharing.

- Are there areas of your life where you see the problems instead of the possibilities, particularly when it comes to serving others?
- How does it make you feel when someone helps you in a tangible way, even if it is something small?

Start doing.

- What is one step you can take to Bring a Lunch, Embrace the Mess, and Carry a Towel?

Closing prayer.

Jesus, I praise you, because you are humble and faithful. You came, not to be served, but to serve. Help me to become more like you, particularly in the way that I serve others. Help me to see my resources and gifts as an opportunity to bless others as I bring honor to you. Teach me to be humble, to never see anything as “beneath” me or as “too small.” Enable me to love those who are hard to love and to embrace those who are messy.