

A Sermon on Humility | Ryan Wekenman | 11.13.22

Weekly Study

S H A R E

Before we jump into the study, take some time to check in with your group and ask the following questions:

- **Are you a pre-Thanksgiving or post-Thanksgiving Christmas tree decorator?**
- **What was your favorite part about this past Sunday?**

On Sunday, Ryan gave a message about humility that left all of us feeling encouraged and motivated to partner with Jesus in our pursuit of becoming more like Him. We explored what it looks like to be people of humility and follow Jesus' example of laying down his interests and his life in exchange for valuing other people above ourselves. We pray that it convicts you to explore ways that you can grow in humility this week and truly see the people that God has put in your arena.

G R O W

Read Philippians 2:6-11.

At the beginning of the Biblical story, we see Adam flourishing in the Garden of Eden with God; however, it's not long before he falls into a trap of entitlement, believing that he is worthy of a title that does not belong to him. When Jesus shows up on the scene, in every interaction, teaching and principle he shares with people He continually proves that He has come to flip the world right side up. Jesus undoes the curse of sin, including the sin of pride that created the fracture between humanity and God in the first place.

What does this mean? It means that when Jesus took on skin and bones he understood the temptation of entitlement, yet did not sin. In the greatest act of humility the world has seen, Jesus practiced "de-entitlement" — not using his title of "Messiah" to his own advantage, but laid his life down for others. Why?

Because He has always desired for his people to have a way to be in relationship with the Father, and grasping humility is the highway to better understanding the heart of God. He showed all of us what it means to operate in humility — and even more than that, how we can do it as well.

- **Jesus is the perfect embodiment of both humility and confidence. What does that mean to you? In what area of your life do you want to grow in humble confidence?**
- **What circumstance are you facing in your life right now that has caused you to need to be reminded that Jesus understands what you're going through?**

Dive Deeper: As we continue to dive into reading the Word of God, take a look at this video from the Bible Project and study more about Jesus' attitude of humility: <https://bibleproject.com/bible-studies/reflections/sharing-the-attitude-of-jesus/>

M O V E

Read Philippians 2:1-5.

What would it look like for you to reflect the nature of Jesus in your relationships with each other? Jesus was the ultimate servant, and in His right-side up way of the Kingdom of Heaven, He shows us that service to others expedites breakthrough and produces more of the fruits of the Spirit that we long for. It is so easy to get caught in a “me-loop” — when we live with a scarcity mindset, get worn down or anxious, or even when we become overly ambitious about the goals we set for ourselves — but when we lean on the power of the Holy Spirit to get us out of that cycle and focus on valuing other people, the world will begin to be introduced to Jesus in a truer, deeper way.

- **Who is the most humble person you know? What characteristics stand out the most about them?**
- **Slowly read verses 3 and 4 again. What is most convicting about this passage? What would it look like this week for you to intentionally take interest in the people around you this week?**

P R A Y

Take time to pray as a group, inviting the Holy Spirit to stir your hunger to not only read and learn the Word but love it, internalize it and take action as you step out to share your faith with the people around you.