

Lessons from Lives

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The Lord's Disciples:
It's Hard To Be Humble

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"As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside privately and told them what was going to happen to him. 'Listen,' he said, 'we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die. Then they will hand him over to the Romans to be mocked, flogged with a whip, and crucified. But on the third day he will be raised from the dead.' Then the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus with her sons. She knelt respectfully to ask a favor. 'What is your request?' he asked. She replied, 'In your Kingdom, please let my two sons sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left.'"

Matthew 20:17-21

Three Truths About Biblical Humility

1. Biblical humility is not a _____
or a _____
Philippians 2:3-4, Romans 12:3

2. Biblical humility is something we _____
not something we _____
Philippians 2:8, Matthew 20:24-28, Ephesians 4:2,

3. If you want to grow in humility don't focus on _____
focus on _____

"[Jesus] did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:6-11

Memory Verse

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Place my trust in Jesus Christ for the first time today
- Memorize James 4:6
- Ask God to help me to grow in humility - not so I can be proud of my humility - but so I can be more like Jesus
- Begin praying for someone to invite to our "At The Movies" series beginning next weekend



Be sure and invite a friend, family member or
co-worker to join you next week at ERBC!

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Discussion Questions - Week # 7

COREGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching "It's Hard To Be Humble," in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

GETTING STARTED

1. Who is the humblest person you know?

2. Share a humbling experience with your group (preferably your own)

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read Matthew 18:1-4, Mark 9:33-37 & Luke 9:46-48. How are the messages in these passages different and where are they similar?

In each of these three passages Jesus takes a child and brings it before the disciples. What are the traits of a child that exemplify humility?

How could we become more childlike this week? (in a good way)

4. Read 2 Chronicles 26. What led to Uzziah's success?

What happened that led to Uzziah's downfall?

Do you think it's possible to become someone of great power and influence and not struggle with pride? If so how?

Do you think it's easier to trust the Lord when you are a failure than when you are a success?

5. Read Philippians 2:1-11. How well do you think you do at putting others first in your life?

Why is it important that as Christ followers we evidence an attitude of humility?

What do you think it means to have the same attitude as Christ Jesus?

Is it possible to take Christ's example too far?

TAKING IT HOME

6. What area in your life needs to change in order to bring it into alignment with God's way?

7. How can the group be praying for you to make the changes God is calling you to make in your life?

PRAYER REQUESTS