

# Life Group Discussion Guide

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
IDENTITY THEFT  
*Philippians 2:3-8*  
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## INTRODUCTION

In his best-selling book, Leaders Eat Last, Simon Sinek explains that Marines line up in rank order to eat, with the most senior person at the back of the line and the most junior person at the front. While the most powerful could easily go to the front, they don't. They put the least powerful first.

This approach is unusual in our "get ahead" culture. But it looks a lot like Jesus. Hopefully, it will look a lot like us if we imitate His behavior.

Paul explains it this way. "Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead." Philippians 2:3 (MSG)

## DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Have you ever tried to dress, talk or act like someone else? If so, who and why did you imitate them?
2. Who is the most humble person you know? Why do they deserve that title?

## EVALUATE IT

1. Stuart said, "Unity can be a bad thing if that unity is influencing a lifestyle that isn't like the one that Christ modeled for us." What did he mean by that? How can unity be a bad thing?
2. What does it mean to consider someone better than yourself? How does humility differ from being a doormat? Where do we find a healthy balance?
3. How does the idea of a humble Christ match your ideas of God? Where does it not match up with your ideas of God?
4. What does it mean that Jesus did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage?

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. When do you find it easier to be humble? When do you find it more difficult to be humble?
2. What would our world look like if all of us saw others as better than ourselves? What would change about politics? What if no one was working for the sake of money, fame, prestige or the next level? How can you be that person where you are?

## ILLUSTRATION

Bruce Thielemann, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, told of a conversation with a member of his flock who said, "You preachers talk a lot about 'do unto others,' but when you get right down to it, it comes down to basin theology."

Thielemann asked, "Basin theology? What's that?"

The layman said, "Remember what Pilate did when he had the chance to acquit Jesus? He called for a basin and washed his hands of the whole thing. But Jesus, the night before His death, called for a basin and proceeded to wash the feet of the disciples. It all comes down to basin theology: Which one will you use?"

- Craig Larson



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