

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

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WEEK 1

1. *You first* always brings more joy than *me first*. Happiness is often found in taking care of ourselves rather than taking care of others. But true joy is found in putting others first. **Why do you think we have greater joy when we put others before ourselves? When have you experienced this in your life?**

2. [Read Philippians 2:1-2]. Hopefully you have noticed the theme of humility and unity as the apostle Paul tells us, "Be of one mind." Being of the same mind means having unity together. Great leaders understand the significance of unity. **Where have you seen sadness and disappointment because of disunity? When was a time you experienced joy as a result of unity?**

3. [Read Philippians 2:3-4] Paul tells the readers in Philippi what it takes to be of one mind in these verses. He explains that the only way to obtain unity is by being selfless.

C.S. Lewis wrote, *"Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call "humble" nowadays: he will not be a sort of greasy, smarmy person, who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody."* To be humble is to be selfless. **Who do you know as a humble person? What makes you characterize them as humble?**

4. Paul tells us in Philippians 2:3, "Count others more significant than yourself." The hardest place to demonstrate humility is in our home, with our family. **Why does humility seem to be the hardest when we are with the ones we love the most?**

5. Look back to Philippians 2:1 and consider Paul's list of character traits. All of these traits are contingent on the humility found in Philippians 2:3-4. The list in Philippians 2:1 is the fruit of unity, while humility in Philippians 2:3-4 is the root of the tree which produces that fruit. **How does a person pursue growth in humility? Where in your life can you humble yourself?**

6. It has been said that humility isn't "thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less." Humility in scripture is not so much about a state of being but a process that you lean into. **What ways does the Lord cultivate humility in us?**