



Week of September 5, 2021

Discussion Questions:

1. If you were able to have a “selfish day”, how would you spend the day?
2. Gerald said: “Be a contributor, not a consumer.” Why is it so easy to slip into being a consumer? How can you follow Jesus’ model of acting other’s focused?
3. Read Philippians 2:3-4. How is humility the starting point in dealing with “selfish ambition”?
4. Gerald said understanding our identity is key to following Jesus’ example. What did Jesus understand his identity was? How did that keep him focused on his purpose? How does understanding our identity in Christ help us value others above ourselves?
5. Gerald talked about three areas. Which of these do you need to lean into right now?
 - a. Get to know who God says you are
 - b. Get to know how God has gifted you
 - c. Get around the people of God

Moving Forward

We naturally drift toward a “what’s in it for me” mentality. It takes intentionality to live in a way that puts others first. When we value others above ourselves, we are most like Jesus. Make a daily commitment to live in your identity in Christ, and be a contributor, not a consumer.

Philippians 2:3-8

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!