



LIFE TOGETHER: The Power of Community
"How to Thrive in Your Communities"
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INTRODUCTION

The first two weeks of this series have answered the WHY question about community. For instance: WHY are we BETTER TOGETHER? This week, the focus is on the HOW question. HOW can we be BETTER TOGETHER? As usual, the Apostle Paul keeps it simple, and Jesus serves as an excellent model for how he calls us to live in community.

WARMING UP

- 1 Who is one person you admire for their humility? Describe them, and how humility shows up in their life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The most general answer for "HOW can we thrive in all our communities?" is this: **In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.** And we CAN control our mindset. What is one situation/example where you successfully "set your mind" or "set your attitude"? What was the result?
2. **Read Philippians 2:1-3a.** The first of three principles for how to have the mindset of Christ in your relationships is: BE SELFLESS. In other words, avoid "pridefully competing for personal glory." What are some ways we are ALL tempted to do this in your family, at work, at school, or even at church?
3. **Read Philippians 2:3b-4.** The 2nd principle to help you thrive in all your communities is BE HUMBLE. What do YOU think is the most attractive aspect of HUMILITY?
 - a. **Read James 4:6.** In what ways do you think God actively opposes PROUD people? In what ways do you think He gives grace to the HUMBLE?
4. **Read Philippians 2:5-7.** The 3rd principle for thriving in your communities and on your teams is BE A SERVANT. Why is this so very difficult to remember and put into practice? In what ways does this require tremendous TRUST in God?
 - a. **Read John 13:1-17.** What part of this story impacts you the most? What is one way you can follow Jesus' example of being a SERVANT in one of the "communities" of your life this week?
5. What role does the Holy Spirit play in shaping you into a more selfless, humble, servant-minded person?

6. Why is being CONNECTED in Christian community so important to your growth in these areas? What is one way YOU have been stretched or sharpened by someone in one of your "communities" lately?

COMMIT TO MEMORY

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.
Philippians 2:5

PRAY FOR ONE PERSON IN YOUR GROUP THIS WEEK!