

Me, My Selfie and I

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Q—Do you have an "I" problem?

James 4:1-2a (NIV)

Mark 8:34-37 (NIV)

Today's Core Truth: The best way

to get over yourself is to surrender your life to serve like Jesus did for us.

Philippians 2:1–5 (NIV)

| Getting | Over | Yourself |
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 \Rightarrow Real servants base their in Christ

EGO = Edging God Out

Phil 2:3-8 (NIV)

 \Rightarrow Real servants make themselves _____ available.

John 12:26 (Message)

 \Rightarrow Real servants see the need and to it.

Galatians 6:10 (GWT)

 \Rightarrow Real servants serve with a attitude.

Do everything without complaining or arguing, Phil 2:14 (NIV)

Matthew 6:1 (CEV)

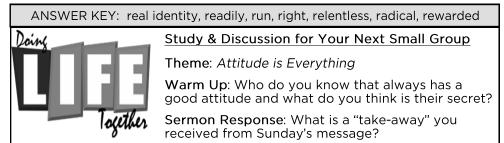
 \Rightarrow Real servants do every task with _____ dedication.

 \Rightarrow Real servants live _____ lives.

\Rightarrow Real servants will be

Phil 2:9-11 (NIV)

Q—Who is the center of your universe?



Read: Philippians 2:1-15

<u>Introduction</u>: Is it possible to have a good self-image and still be humble? Can a person want to be the best without being conceited? In this passage, Paul directs us to Jesus Christ, a person equal with God yet whose incarnation and life are the supreme example of humility. This passage urges us to imitate Christ's attitude.

Discussion:

- How can our experience of Christ and his Spirit (v. 1) help us to achieve the unity Paul desires in verse 2?
- How do verses 3-4 help us to understand the nature of humility?
- How did each of Christ's actions illustrate humility and a concern for the interests of others (vv. 6-8)?
- In your own words, describe God's response to Jesus' humility (vv. 9-11).
- In verses 12-13 Paul says you are to "work out your salvation" because God "works in you." How are these ideas related and how does one do this in light of having a serving attitude?
- How can we "shine like stars" according to verse 15 as it relates to having a Christ-like attitude?
- When has there been a time you struggled to serve with a good attitude and why?
- How have you found the balance of serving in humility without being self-serving? Why can this be tricky?
- How does serving others with humility differ than being a doormat to others? How do you find the balance of giving without enabling? What would be some examples?
- Overall, how are you challenged to improve your attitude and action of serving for which you could use prayer this week?

Pray Together (or in smaller micro groups)