

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

10. Of the questions about what we have in Christ in Philippians 2:1, which is the easiest for you to forget? Of the commands of Philippians 2:2-4 which is the biggest challenge for you personally? What is one way the group could help you as an individual.

11. Philippians 2:2 implies that we must work together to live out these attributes. Reread the qualities of vs. 1-4, how might your group put this into practice as a group?

Prayer Requests

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January 24, 2016 Sermon Notes

The Slide into Selfishness

2Kings 20:1-19, Php 2:3-4, 2 Kings 20:19

Identifying and Avoiding the T_____ to our faith that L_____ us

into selfishness

1. Identifying the I_____ of a sliding S_____ L_____

- First response to problems is a S_____ -F_____
- The attitude of E_____ – ‘But, God, you owe me’
- T_____ C_____ for God's declared B_____ – ‘I will provide if you pursue me’
- The end result – T_____ V_____.

2. Avoiding the E_____ of your Spiritual F_____

Php 2:1

What do I need to do with what I have heard today?

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

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THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. How does our society encourage us to focus on ourselves and our self-interests as we go about our day-to-day lives?

2. Agree or disagree: Loving God includes making strategic decisions to put other people's needs ahead of our own. Why?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ 1 SAMUEL 15:1-11

3. Technically Saul perfectly executes what has been asked of him- the destruction of the Amalekites. However, he displeases the Lord. What did he do in this passage that was right, and what was wrong?

READ 1 SAMUEL 15:12-23

4. What does this passage reveal about the heart of Saul that led to God's displeasure with his actions?' List the things you see the passage revealing about Saul's heart?

5. What does 15:22-23 tell us about what God finds pleasing in how we live out our spiritual lives, and what we do that is sometimes just for appearances?

6. In what ways are you tempted in your day-to-day life to take the easy road of sacrifice and avoid the difficult road of obedience? Is that fulfilling or short-changing the benefits of life in Christ?

READ 1 SAMUEL 15:24--30

7. Discuss 1 Samuel 15:24,25 & 30. What does this tell us about Saul's self-focused tunnel vision? In what way does this hinder your own growth as you manage your own spiritual life?

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4

8. Take a look at the "if" statements of vs. 1. How do you work out living these attributes in your own life?

9. What is the connection between vs. 1 and what Paul is asking them to do in verse 2-4. How do they compel us to rid our lives of self-centeredness?