



“Removing your “self” from the equation

Getting Started

Take a moment to talk through the questions below.

- Have you ever restored anything, photograph, a table, car etc?
- If so, What was the result?
- Have you ever heard of a bad restoration story, if so please share.
- Is there anything you wish you could have restored? What is it?
- Have you ever wished you could restore a former relationship? What held you back?

Going Deeper

What is one idea or concept that you learned from the message on Sunday?

In [1 Corinthians 13:4](#) scripture tells us that Love is not self seeking.

- What does the phrase “self seeking” mean in your own words?
- What are some examples of being “self seeking” in our daily lives?

On Sunday Paul talked about the priority of putting others ahead of ourselves and we read about Jesus example of washing the disciples feet. [John 13](#)

- How difficult is it to put others ahead of ourselves on a regular basis?
- Do we only put others ahead of ourselves if they’ve first been nice to us.
- Should it be a response or something we should initiate?
- What was Jesus attitude towards this?

[Matthew 7:12](#) [Romans 5:8](#)

Tell about a time when someone thought of you and served you instead of themselves.

- How did that blessing affect you?
- Who was it that moved you most?
- Did you get a chance to thank them?

Read [Philippians 2:3-8](#)

- What happens in the life of a Christian (A.K.A. a disciple) when they think of others instead of themselves?
- How does this principle of putting others first develop character?
- If you only had a short time to live, how would you spend your time? Would you be a blessing to others or simply be thinking of yourself?

Action Steps

What are some ways you can consider others more significant than yourself?
At home? At work? At church? In the marketplace?

Challenge

Disciples live a life of surrender to God and his purpose and plan for their lives. This means that we humble ourselves and serve others. This means that we think of others as more important than ourselves. This means that we take a back seat to our desires for us and seek to bless those around us. Seek to have a humble mind that leads to a life of service and dedication to others as you live your life this week.

Next Steps

Pray: "Lord Jesus, I need to be more humble like you were ... change me to BE like you."

Today, I will stop and THINK of the needs of my parents/spouse/kids/friends as more important than my own.

Today, I will actually DO something to meet my parents'/spouse's/kids'/friends needs because I value them!

Tomorrow, I will THINK and DO the same about one co-worker and one neighbor ... like Christ would.

