



CONNECT GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Radical #2 – Radically Humble

BEGIN WITH YOUR HEART

Radically humble. What does humility look like? Is it something you can describe, or is it just one of those things that you know when you see it? It will be interesting to see if people in our groups can think of radically humble people in these categories.

Sometimes the humble among us go unnoticed and are not well known unless someone has gone out of his or her way to shine a spotlight on that humility for some reason. **BE SPECIFIC:** Talk about the specific actions and characteristics you see in the radically humble.

A LOOK IN GOD'S WORD

What does the Bible say about humility? I would encourage you to read and look at each passage in this section, but keep the groups answers brief if you are short on time. I found the variety of passages and looking at humility from different angles to be helpful. You may not be able to fully look at each verse, but the impact of all of the passages helps this concept of humility to sink in. God places a high value on personal and community humility. An added question could be "What causes YOU to lack humility?" Some personal reflection in this way has been good for me personally, otherwise I am tempted to think, "I'm pretty humble already . . . I hope everyone else is listening."

MY LIFE- OUR MISSION

God, I'm yours . . . Humble yourself before God and ask him to point out prideful actions where you are resistant to what He wants to do in you and where you put yourself above someone else. Is not seeking out people who are far from God because of a lack of humility? Are you unwilling to do what it takes to go and meet them where they are because of some elements of pride? Ask yourself as a leader and share that with your group as appropriate this week.

Christ Community Church Announcements

Vision Proper Forum | SUNDAY! MAR 26, 4:30-5:30p in G2. This "forum" is being hosted by the MLB to present a long-range directional planning process. The process is scheduled for MAR-JUN. This session is open to everyone with a Q&A and a time of prayer.

Women's Ministry **Spring Conference**, "How He Loves Us" | MAR 31-APR 1 join us for our annual women's conference. Rebekah Hamby Johnson will be teaching from the book of Hosea "Jealous Love". Friday night 6:30-9:00p w/dessert provided. Saturday 8:30a-2p w/continental breakfast and lunch from the Cafe. Register online today at ccames.org, or in the Atrium starting NOW.

Weekend to Remember **Marriage Conference** | April 7th-9th at Des Moines Downtown Marriott. Sign up at www.familylife.com. Use group name "CCCFamLife to save \$100 per couple! Contact Kevin & Lisa Teske [theteskes@gmail.com] or sign up at kiosk in Atrium starting NOW.

SERVE | COMMUNITY. Please consider donating gently used items that can help prepare a home for people from four local partner agencies: Kitchen items, linens, blankets and some furniture pieces. For a full list, go to the church website, app or pick one up at the Start Here desk. Donations will be accepted beginning MAR 26.

BOLIVIA fall trip | we will be taking a group to Bolivia this fall (probably September) to do a clean water project. We would love to answer questions and give you details. You can go to ccames.org, Serve 4th Place and click on the Bolivia link to share your information. You can also contact James Carlat [jacarlat@gmail.com].



Connect Group Study for RADICAL #2

Radically Humble: The Heart of the Savior

This week's teaching focused our attention on an amazing heart, the heart of our Savior. He was radically humble, and becoming like him in our living, we are to become the same. This study encourages us to allow the Savior's heart to become ours.

BEGIN WITH YOUR HEART

Who is the most humble.....that you know (or know of)? Why would you say that about the ones you named?

- professional athlete
- politician
- business person
- female leader
- entertainer
- church leader
- disciple of the Lord Jesus

How would you define, or describe, humility?

IN THE WORD

This week's teaching put a magnifying glass over Paul's understanding – expressed in Philippians 2 -- of the humble heart of the Lord Jesus. His humility was to become the attitude of the Christians in the church in the city of Philippi. Let's explore three personal aspects of humility to which the Scripture calls us. Read and observe the following passages; talk about your answers to the questions

HUMILITY before the Lord – 1 Peter 5:6-7, James 4:10 (note the context of the James passage)

- what do you think it means to "humble yourself"? Does this suggest a process? What might that look like?
- What does the example (or description) in 2 Chronicles 36:11-13. What are the marks of NOT humbling oneself?
- Have you humbled yourself before the Lord?

HUMILITY with one another – 1 Peter 5:5, Philippians 2:3

- Describe someone you know who truly models this. What have you learned from him/her?
- Zephaniah 2:3 is an interesting verse. How would you put this verse in your own words?
- How important is humility between Christians, according to Ephesians 4:1-3?

HUMILITY toward those away from Christ – 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

- Paul's life is model for us to mimic. What elements of humility do you see in these verses?
- To draw people to Christ, who must change first? Them...or us? How willing are you to "become" like someone else in order to win them to Christ? What does "becoming like someone" involve?

Interestingly, Christ himself was humble before His Father, humble with others, and humble toward those far away from God. *Which of the verses we've read would YOU like to memorize, in order to become more humble like your Savior and Lord?*

MY LIFE, OUR MISSION

The Lord Jesus came to serve, not to be served. He humbly became like us (i.e., took on the form of humanity and of a servant) in order to bring us to God. His example can be life changing. And, the more humble we become, the more we can be remarkably used by God to **"connect other people to a life-defining relationship"** in Christ.

Finish this way:

- ✓ Let God MAKE YOUR DAY by spending a few moments in prayer humbling yourself before God and asking Him to so work in your life to bring about the very humility of Christ.
- ✓ Ask God to put some WEAR ON YOUR WELCOME MAT (be used to help someone come closer to Christ) by identifying someone you can **care for** and serve, be in **prayer for**...in order that you might also **share with** the good news about Jesus. (prayer, care, share)