

2014-10-05 Life Group
Improve Your Serve

OPENING ACTIVITY – 15-20 minutes

- What is one of your favorite board games or group games to play? Least favorite? Why?
- As we begin our group together, it is important that we be open and authentic with each other. Discuss the following Games we won't play:
 - Charades – Be the real you! Don't act for the people around you.
 - Monopoly – Don't do all the talking. Give everyone a chance to participate.
 - Don't Break The Ice – You may be a quiet person and we won't put you on the spot. But please push yourself a bit so we can get to know you.
 - Outburst – Please be Loving and respectful in your dialogue. You are not here to win.
 - Trivial Pursuit - There may be some topics you are passionate about and it's OK to talk about them. We just don't want the night to turn into a campaign about a pet peeve, or pet project.
 - Battle of the Sexes – Please be aware of both genders and people who are married or solo. Give equal opportunity to all.
 - Telephone – Be respectful of privacy. This is not a place to gossip and don't gossip about what goes on here. If you want something kept private within the group, please feel free to say so.
- Which of these games are you most susceptible to “playing” in a group?
- Pass out the Covenant and read it together. Let people know you would like to collect them no later than next week.
- Explain the role of the Group Planner (coordinating meeting locations, snacks, and service project), and seek a volunteer.

STUDY & DISCUSSION - 20-25 minutes

Tonight we will be in Philippians 1 & 2 looking at the example of 3 people who “served their way to significance”- Paul, Jesus & Timothy.

Observe: Sunday’s message taught us that the world is upside down in it’s thinking because it is selfish. But Jesus turns things rightside-up when he calls us to serve. Where do you see selfishness in the world around you?

Apply: When are you most prone to selfishness?

Observe: Read Philippians 1:12-18. Where is Paul and how would you describe his attitude?

Interpret: Pastor Scott said selfishness is demonstrated when we ask the questions: “What do I get? Where do I Rank? And How will People see Me?” Describe what Paul’s attitude might have been like if he was asking those questions?

Apply: Sometimes it is hard to remember that we were “Created in Christ Jesus to do good works.” Where and when do you struggle with keeping a servant’s heart?

Observe: Read Philippians 2:1-4. Put in your own words what it is Paul is calling us to do?

Read: Read Philippians 2:5-8.

Interpret: Pastor Scott said we should be asking the question “How low can we go?” and that we will never have to go lower than Jesus. What did he mean?

Interpret: Can humility and a servant’s heart be taught? Explain?

Observe: Read Philippians 2:19-24. What words or phrases are used to describe Timothy?

Interpret: Pastor Scott said he thought we would be shocked at who is considered significant in heaven and that the world’s perspective will be turned upside down. Do you agree or disagree? What servant roles do you think are undervalued, maybe even by Christians?

Apply: Colossians 3:23 says we should always serve others as if we are serving Jesus. Where do you need to “see his face” this week instead of the people or task in front of you?