

Aftermath

Posture of a Humble Servant (January 24th, 2021)

PREPARATION

- Familiarize yourself with this Study Guide.
- You can watch the sermon online [HERE](#). **Then make sure to watch our [Special Series Video!](#)**
- Spend some time in prayer before your group gathers.
- You **always** have the option to use some or all the questions and/or prepare your own questions.
- Review the learning objective to focus the conversation, read the primary scriptures as a group, summarize the main points, ask the questions, and use supporting texts to enhance the concepts.

DISCUSSION

Opening Prayer: (1-2 minutes)

In light of what God is saying through this week's message, here's a suggestion of how your group can invite God into your time together.

Thank the Father for loving us so much that He came to us in the person of Jesus to offer Himself as a sacrifice on our behalf while we were still sinners! Pray that as we navigate the chaotic waters of our cultural moment that we would humbly listen and obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit as we seek to love one another just as Jesus loved us by dying for us on the cross. Pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to remind us of the victory we have over sin in Jesus Christ! Finally, pray that as we look toward the horizon of a New Year that the Holy Spirit would search our hearts and continue to transform us into the likeness of His son!

Discussion: (45-60 minutes)

What's Going on This Week

This Sunday, Pastor Buz led us into the third week of our series titled *Aftermath*. Pastor Buz brings our attention to *Philippians 2:1-11* in order to assess our hearts when it comes to becoming a humble servant in the year 2021. Pastor Buz suggests that since we have been equipped with encouragement from Christ, we ought to follow Jesus into offering our lives in service modeling after the sacrifice of Jesus. At the same time, we must always remember that even though we can follow Jesus in service, He is the one who is ultimately exalted and not us! Thus, the purpose of humility is to be like Jesus and make his name known to all!

“Humility is knowing your place; humility is also knowing Christ's place.” – Pastor Buz Hannon

Suggested Questions

Check-In: Icebreaker – When you think about a humble servant, who in your life comes to mind and why?

****NEW** Series Video:** Each week, a collection of ministry leaders will be recording a video that discusses this week's sermon and how it may apply to our lives according to each demographic represented here at 3Crosses church! We recommend that you either encourage your group to watch the video *before* the meeting, or the video can make for a great opening activity for your group!



Objective #1: Identify the aspects of humility that God's word is drawing out for you.

Primary Texts: Philippians 2:1-11 – Pastor Buz's sermon this week revolves around the idea of humility. He argues that humility comes from offering our lives in service to Jesus as we follow His example. In addition, Pastor Buz suggests that the reason we do this is not to exalt ourselves, but to point others to the exalted lordship of Jesus. **As you read through these passages, what specifically stands out to you about the humility of Jesus? Why do you believe this particular aspect stands out to you in this season of life?**

Objective #2: Identify areas of your life that may be preventing you from humility.

Selected Passages and Themes: Mark 9:37-41 (Us vs. Them); 1 Peter 5:6-7 (Fear vs. God's Sovereign Care); Romans 12 (Selfishness vs. Life with One Another) – In the roundtable discussion video, each of our ministry leaders spoke about different obstacles that we may face toward becoming a healthy community! **How do you believe the Lord is actively working in your heart towards becoming a humble servant?**

Supporting texts: Philippians 2:19-3:21 (Timothy, Epaphroditus, and Paul as examples of Humble Servants)

Objective #3: Commit to a next step that will lead you closer to the example of Jesus!

Primary Texts: Mark 8:34-38, 9:33-35, 10:35-45; Luke 23:26-43– Finally, Pastor Buz challenges us to adopt the posture of a humble servant in 2021 by (1) orienting your life to see Jesus exalted this week and (2) finding ways to serve humbly in secret. The roundtable discussion offered various ways that you might be able to step into service! **In what ways can you use your gifts and talents to serve the church body and serve those in our region?**

Supporting texts: John 5:1-15 (Healing at the Pool of Bethesda)

Closing Prayer: (5-10 minutes)

In light of what God is saying through this week's message, here's some suggestions of what your group could talk about with God in prayer.

Thank our Heavenly Father for sending His son at the perfect time! Praise the Son for emptying himself by becoming a human so that he might give up his own life so that we could be free from the bondage of our spiritual enemy! Ask that the Holy Spirit would mold our hearts and continue to equip us to live, love, and forgive like Jesus. Finally, pray that we as a church would have the courage and boldness to proclaim the gospel of Jesus as we continue to strive for your example of humility and remember your exalted status as Lord over all things

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

-Stay up to date with Coronavirus Ministry Opportunities: Help us out by pointing the people in your Community Group to [3Crosses.org/coronavirus](https://3crosses.org/coronavirus). If you or anyone in your group is looking to serve food in our pantry, access spiritual care, or seek financial assistance, you can find all you need at [3Crosses.org/neighborhood](https://3crosses.org/neighborhood)

-Aftermath Series: Each week, we will be recording a message that includes a collection of our ministry leaders and helps explain this week's study guide! *Tune in at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday Nights* each week for the premier of the video or check it out anytime on our [YouTube channel!](#)

-Prayer: This week, pray about how your group can proactively serve the specific people in your life that you have been praying for! As you think about different things that the Lord is placing on your heart, challenge your group members to hold each other accountable to their action step!

-Further Reading: *1 Corinthians 12-13* Next week, we will walk through these passages in 1 Corinthians and talk about how we need the diversity of 3Crosses in order to be unified as a body that is dependent on different parts. All of these different members are tethered by love!

-Community Groups 2021: For more information about joining a group, leading a group, or general inquiries, contact AJ at avanegas@3crosses.org