

Message: Practice Means Progress - Humility | Toby Slough | May 24, 2020

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

Memorial Day Weekend is the official start to summer but is also a time for us to pause and gratefully remember those that have given their life for our freedoms.

1. What is something you are especially grateful for at this moment in your life?
2. What are you looking forward to most for Summer 2020?

Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV) In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Humility is an attitude.

Humility has nothing to do with a personality type, humility is not passive but is action based on an attitude. When we are willing to step back, not be the focus of attention, not have to defend, God steps forward and acts on our behalf.

1. How have you seen God move and work on your behalf when you purposefully step back and take on an attitude of humility?
2. What is the difference in being confident and being prideful? (Proverbs 1:33 TPT But the one who always listens to me will live undisturbed in a heavenly peace. Free from fear, confident and courageous, you will rest unafraid and sheltered from the storms of life.)
3. Why does God consider humility so important that He would actually oppose the proud (God resists you when you are proud but continually pours out grace when you are humble. James 4:6 TPT)

Humility and Unity

Scripture on humility often includes a challenge for unity. (Philippians 2:2-4 So I'm asking you, my friends, that you be joined together in perfect unity—with one heart, one passion, and united in one love. Walk together with one harmonious purpose and you will fill my heart with unbounded joy. Be free from pride-filled opinions, for they will only harm your cherished unity. Don't allow self-promotion to hide in your hearts, but in authentic humility put others first and view others as more important than yourselves. Abandon every display of selfishness. Possess a greater concern for what matters to others instead of your own interests.)

4. How would you define unity? Why does humility go hand-in-hand with unity?
5. How does it play into dependence on God and dependence on one another?
6. How can we best gain the attitude of humility every day, in every situation?