Jesus Is . . . | Week 3 - Jesus is Humble

Message Big Idea

Jesus is humble. In Jesus, we find someone kind and approachable.

Scripture

Matthew 11:29, Mark 10:42-45, Philippians 2:5-11

Points to Keep In Mind

- Humility is not thinking less of yourself or ignoring your needs. Instead, it is to think of yourself less. It might be
 to associate with those outside of your "social class." The image of a University President bending down to pull
 a few weeds growing in the cracks of the sidewalk would be a simple example of humility.
- 2. In Philippians, Paul is saying Jesus, who was himself God, didn't consider that something to be used to his advantage. Jesus didn't lead through his position. Instead, he emptied himself; he made himself nothing. Paul also connects Jesus' humility with how he associated with those who were not "high society." He writes, "Do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position." (Romans 12:16). Throughout the Gospels, Jesus associates and serves those who are often forgotten or left behind.
- 3. Jesus didn't use his advantage or privilege to stride through life like a superman, untouched by the challenges and pains of the world. He became one of us. As we think about advantages or privileges we have, the goal is not to feel guilty about them but to think about how we might leverage them for the good of others.
- 4. Jesus had an intentional purpose for his humility. He was accomplishing the mission of God. In what ways can we be intentional in serving and loving others. It's easy for the comforts of life to cushion us from everyday life that we become entitled and fail to appreciate the struggles of those suffering or less fortunate. The way of Jesus is to intentionally serve and love people even if we think "we are above" the task.
- 5. Encourage the group to think about some intentional ways they could serve another person this week. You may even want to find a way to serve others as a group.

Additional Questions and Resources

- 1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
- 2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
- Have you considered getting baptized? communitychristian.org/baptism