

Hello, it's me: Philippians 2:1-11

Part 2: Staying Together

Having a **good** marriage is _____, but having a **bad** marriage is _____!

“For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.” –Luke 22:27.

Jesus defines relational greatness as _____.

Selfish Ambition and conceit are a sense of _____ and thinking **too highly of one's self**.

What is in your spouse's best interest?

Application:

Great _____ make great _____.

Life Group Study Guide

This week, before you go to your Life Group:

Reflect on what you think the most important aspects of a healthy relationship are. What have you learned from present or past relationships? What have you learned from your experience that you might be able to share with others?

Life Group Discussion Questions:

Have you ever seen someone with position or power choose to serve others for their benefit rather than selfish gain? What did it look like? How did it make you feel?

Read Philippians 2:1-8. What observations about Jesus do you make from these verses? What impact to they have on how you view God? Others? Your role in your marriage?

What are some things that you think people often do in relationships that are based in selfish ambition or conceit (thinking too highly of one's self)? How are these things destructive to a healthy relationship? Why do you think people act from these motivations? When you find yourself acting this way, what do you think are some of the reason?

Paul encourages us to 'count others more significant' than ourselves and to look to 'the interests of others.' What do you think each of those phrases means? How would putting them into practice change the dynamics of your marriage?

What are some specific things that you could do this week to treat someone else as more significant than you? What would some of the risks involved in that be? Do you think it's worth it to treat people this way? Specifically, how could you apply this to your marriage or relationship with your significant other?