

**PART 4: Choose to Lose**

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## START

In a polarized world it is important that the church is unified. This doesn't mean we are mindless robots that have all the same thoughts about everything, but that we are unified in our approach to point people to Jesus.

- When have you experienced a church that was not unified?
- How did their disunity affect the church?
- How can we promote unity within the church?

## READ

[Phillipians 2:3-4](#) (NIV)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

## THINK

There is a selfish part in all of us. Pride is an assault on our humility and prevents us from focusing on the interest of others. Our prideful thoughts can prevent us from pointing people to Jesus. Pride can be manifested from our thoughts. Thoughts of worry, fear, jealousy, and many others cause us to focus on our own needs above the needs of others.

- What thought do you need to take captive?
- What thought do you need to make obedient to Christ?

As we follow Jesus we must choose to lose. We must choose to put the needs of others above our own in order to keep a Kingdom of God perspective.

- What would it look like in your life to choose to lose?
- What is something you can choose to lose right now?

## PRAY

Ask God to humble you in this polarizing world. Knowing that you will meet people with different opinions and outlooks, ask God to give you humility to lose and to keep a kingdom perspective in your relationships with others.

## ACT

This week, when you encounter someone with a different opinion, choose to lose. Remember to have a kingdom perspective and ask yourself what you can do to help put their needs above your own.

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**ONE CHURCH. RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.**