

The Humility of Jesus Matthew 17:24-18:14

What does the humility of Jesus produce in his followers?

- I. Love that relinquishes rights
 - A. The temple tax (17:24-27)
 - B. Rights vs. obligations (1 Cor. 8:13; 9:12)
- II. Love that welcomes the least of these
 - A. The pride that divides (18:1-9)
 - B. The humility that welcomes (Phil. 2:8)
- III. Love that pursues
 - A. The pursuit of God the Father (18:10-14; Luke 15:20)
 - B. The loving pursuit of Jesus' followers (John 10:28)

Application Guide:

1. What commands more attention in your life – rights or obligations? In what ways are you insisting on your rights rather than embracing your obligations?
2. What opportunities do you have to welcome the least of these and the insignificant? How has the humility of Jesus revealed to you that you are one of the least of these?
3. Does your church community reflect the loving pursuit of God? Who is Jesus calling you to pursue? Who has strayed?