

Week 3: The King is Dead

Main Idea: Our culture tells us we need more of us, but our "more of me" culture leaves us feeling emptier than ever. The only remedy for the "More Culture of Me" is dying to myself.

Bible Verses to Read:

Mark 8:34-35 *"Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it."*

Philippians 2:3-4 *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

John 3:30: *"He must become greater; I must become less."*

- If you were to take a wild guess, how much time do you think you spend on social media each day?
- During the message we mentioned how our culture tells us that we need more of us, and that the "self" is the ultimate god. Do you believe this to be true? Where do you see this idea in our culture? Do you see this in your own life?
- During the message, we mentioned the remedy for the empty and lonely "More Culture of Me" is dying to yourself. What do you think it means to "Die to yourself"?
- Read Mark 8:34-35. What do you think Jesus is trying to say in this passage? What does this tell you about dying to yourself?
- Read Philippians 2:3-4. Why do you think it is so hard to let go of what WE want, and value others above ourselves?

FINAL THOUGHT: This week, what can you do to resist the "More Culture of Me" and value others above yourself?