

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## The Mindset of Christ

### Big Idea

Pastor Chris spoke on a stand alone message this Sunday called, **The Mindset of Christ**. It is easy in this world, to focus on things that seem important, and that causes us to get stuck on our own interests and what we have going on. We worry about making our selves successful and all of the things that we have going on in our world, that sometimes we miss what God is wanting to do through us. We end up giving up the blessings that God wants to give us, because we are so focused on ourselves. This is counter to our Christian life. Paul urges us:

*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Philippians 2:5 (NIV)*

Jesus did not focus on Himself or even use His own power to serve Himself. He was **selfless**, using the authority that He had for the benefit of others. As He chose the place of a **servant**, Jesus stooped down to the lowest spot, in order to serve us. He **humbled** Himself, and gave up His life, in order that we might have life. Seeing these attributes of Jesus being the Selfless, Humble, Servant, gives us a great guide in how we are to interact with those around us. When we choose this mindset, we truly embrace who God has called us to be. And God promotes and elevates us in ways that bless our lives, bringing us to new levels of joy.

### Discussion Questions

1. Why is it easier to focus on your own interests than to focus on the interests of others?
2. Where do you feel like you have gotten this "mindset of Christ" wrong? What were your choices that you made?
3. Out of the 3 parts of the mindset of Christ (Selfless, Humble, Servant), which do you struggle with the most and why? Which comes the most natural to you?
4. What are a few ways that you can serve the people around you right now?

### Prayer Focus

This weeks prayer focus is to find ways to use what God has blessed you with to live out this mindset of Jesus Christ. We all want to make a difference in our world, and it begins by becoming Selfless, Humble, Servants, who seek to love and help those around us through serving.

### Next Steps

Begin serving! All people who call Rescue House "home" are invited to embrace their purpose and join the Dream Team. You can sign up to serve on the Rescue House app, from [rescuehousechurch.org](http://rescuehousechurch.org) or at the Next Steps Center in our atrium.

### Bible References

Philippians 2:1-11, Ecclesiastes 2:17, Matthew 16:25, 1 Peter 5:6