

Beware of the Me-Monster
Philippians 2:1-4

“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

Outline:

1. Pursuing the “Single Mind” Cancels Our Pride (Philippians 1:1-30, Genesis 3:1-7, 2 Peter 2:4)
2. The “Submissive Mind” Results from the “Single Mind” (Philippians 2:1-4)
3. Humility is Essential for Peaceful Living with Others in Covenant Community (Philippians 4:1-3, Proverbs 11:2)

Questions for Small Group Discussion:

1. Share a story or experience you have had regarding an encounter with a me-monster?
2. Have you asked anyone to speak to you when/if your me-monster is showing?
3. The me-monster destroys _____ (multiple correct answers).
4. Do you agree with the statement: “You Can’t Mediate Your Own Conflict.”? Why/why not?
5. Describe a person who displays a humble spirit.