

### WATCH A 10-15 MINUTE MINI SERMON

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### GROUP DISCUSSION

1. **Read Philippians 2:1-4.** Describe someone you know who exemplifies the *you before me* attitude Paul talked about in this passage?
2. One of the spiritual diseases Paul mentions in Philippians 2 is selfish ambition, which is having a self-seeking, me-first attitude focused on your interests only. Have you experienced selfish ambition turning a relationship into a rivalry where you (or the other person) tried to one-up the other? Describe the experience and result.
3. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-5.** Paul reminds us that having an attitude of selfish ambition or being self-seeking is the exact opposite of love. When or with whom do you find jealousy is sometimes present? When do you find it difficult to rejoice in the success or exaltation of another?
4. **Read Philippians 2:3.** Is it possible for church members to perform charitable acts out of a selfish or conceited heart? How would you know if that's taking place? Have you seen it occur in your life?
5. A second spiritual disease Paul mentions in Philippians 2:3 is conceit, which is an unhealthy desire to always put yourself first and only look out for number one. When have you put others down or minimized them (or their accomplishments) to make yourself good? When have you fallen into the trap that you have accomplished things all by yourself? See also Mark 14:29, Romans 12:16, and John 3:27.
6. Jesus modeled servanthood for us (Philippians 2:5-8). Which of your relationships is most in need of putting Paul's words in Philippians 2:3 into practice (putting them before you)?
7. What is one way you can make your attitude more like Christ's, or what is one practical step you could take this week to put others first?

### GOING FURTHER

**MEMORIZE:** *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.* **Colossians 3:23-24 NIV**

## Me Before You

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### Philippians 2:2–3

#### Disease 1: Selfish Ambition

- Philippians 1:15–17
- John 15:12–14
- 1 Corinthians 13:4–5
- James 3:14–16

#### Disease 2: Conceit

- Philippians 2:3
- Matthew 6:2
- Luke 18:9–12
- 1 Corinthians 13:4–5
- Galatians 5:26
- Mark 14:29
- Romans 12:16
- Proverbs 26:12

Me before you