

**EXTRAORDINARY**  
**Week Two Study Guide**  
**Others First**

**Main Point:** Extraordinary = OTHERS FIRST. The example of Christ was abandonment of self, so the Mission may be fulfilled.

1. Ask yourself this question: When it comes to opportunities for serving inside the walls of Cypress, are you more apt to say, "Yes, I will" or "No, I won't." Why?
2. Describe a time when someone served you in an extraordinary way, doing something for you that you absolutely did not want to do? How did that make you feel?
3. Philippians 2: 1-18 – so powerful. Read 1-4, 5-11, 12-18; stop after each section and discuss what these scriptures are saying? Read this everyday for a week to let it become a part of you and how you think and act.
4. What were the two warnings, Pastor Ken pointed out, in these scriptures? Selfish \_\_\_\_\_. Vain \_\_\_\_\_.
5. What would it look like for you to have the attitude of Christ? Is humility viewed as a weakness in our culture? Why?
6. Remember the 5 layers of "others first" living. Think about where you are in the pyramid. Where would you put yourself? Draw the pyramid; work from the bottom up. This is a conversation you have with you and Jesus or your very close accountability person.
  - Abandonment of self in light of the mission
  - Somewhat costly
  - Delayed gratification
  - Out of abundance & overflow
  - Selfish & vain

**Challenge:** Ask nothing from the church or complain in any way, but commit one hour a week to serve inside the walls of Cypress. Next, serve someone else each day without asking for anything in return. How do you think this would stretch you? Will you do it?