

Community Group Discussion Guide

Step 01: Recap what our current series is all about.

Note: Remind the group what series we're currently on (since not everyone will have been at church recently) and read through the series description provided below to refresh everyone on what it's all about.

Series Title: Love Does

Description: There are times when someone's behavior only makes sense once we understand their goal. Philippians chapter two reminds us of what Jesus did— He humbled himself from His exalted place in heaven to become one of us and give His life for us. But *why?* Because He loves us and wants us to know Him. And love is not passive. He couldn't do nothing. He couldn't stay in heaven. Love is active—*love does*.

Step 02: Recap of previous week's message.

Note: Read through the message outline with everyone briefly. You can stop and make comments as you see fit or read straight through it. Make sure you take time to read through the main text.

Message Title: Others First

Main Text: Philippians 2:3-8

Supporting Texts: Romans 5:8, Matthew 6:33

Message Outline:

How do we live well?

—Life is our gift from God. What we do with it is our gift back to Him.

Point 1: Put Others First

—This is how we are to live as Christians. Putting me first doesn't always work well for me. (Remember the comparison of Bill Russell and Wilt Chamberlain. Wilt only wanted to win if he could

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also have all the personal stats. Russell didn't care and won *far more* championships as a result.)

Point 2: Have the Mind of Jesus

—Putting Jesus first (Matt. 6:33) is ultimately the path to putting others first. (Remember the story about Forrest Arnold and how he put Jesus first and gave up a career as a pro basketball player.)

Step 03: Lead group discussion.

Note: Do your best to keep the discussion going. Make sure you have read through the questions beforehand and are primed with thoughts of your own. Make everyone get specific with *how* they will apply this message in their own lives and in community—*no vague ideas allowed!*

Specific to this week's message:

1. What does it look like to put Jesus first in your life?
2. What can you do to better adopt "the mind of Christ Jesus"?

General questions:

1. How did this message encourage you? How did it convict you?
2. What is your plan for applying this message to your personal/daily life?
3. What might it look like for us to live this out in community?
4. Was there anything about this message that stood out to you?