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Discussion Questions

Humility & Service

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QUESTION 1:

Do you recognize any area in your life where you need to change your attitude to be more like Christ? Is there a way for your pod to support you in this?

QUESTION 2:

Recall what Christ has done for you. Has He freed you from something? Has He healed you from something? Has He brought you peace?

QUESTION 3:

Is there a part of Philippians 2:3-4 that stands out to you or convicts you of your own actions or motives?

QUESTION 4:

Are their situations or relationships where you can intentionally care for the needs of others and not just yourself, even starting today?



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Bonhoeffer's Seven Principles to Eradicate Selfish Ambition*:

- To hold our tongues and refuse to speak anything unkind against a brother or sister in Jesus.
- Cultivate the humility that comes from understanding that we, like Paul, are the greatest of sinners and can only live in God's sight by His grace.
- Listen "long and patiently" so that we will understand their fellow Christian's need
- Refuse to consider our time and calling so valuable that we cannot be interrupted to help with unexpected needs, no matter how small or menial.
- Bear the burden of their brothers and sisters in the Lord, both by preserving their freedom and by forgiving their sinful abuse of that freedom.
- Declare God's Word to our fellow believers when they need to hear it.
- Understand that Christian authority is characterized by service and does not call attention to the person who performs the service.

***Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis :**

- Pretend that we are Jesus and look at life as if we were Christ.
- How would we approach conflict with a brother or sister in the church?
- How would Jesus use His time and resources?
- How would He approach this conversation, and what might He say or not say? How would He listen and speak?

*Philippians (The NIV Application Commentary) by Frank S. Thielman