



BOLD
Week 4/4: Bold Humility
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LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For your middle school students to grasp that humility is understanding that Jesus truly did it *all* on the cross.

SCRIPTURE

Phil 2:3-11 & 3:3b-6 NLT

THINK ABOUT THIS

As we wrap up this series, we want to slow down and focus front and center on Jesus and the cross. If we aren't carefully, we can make a series on boldness about us and our efforts. The good news of the gospel isn't try harder, but believe in and surrender to Jesus. Boldness is believing God is in control and acting that way. Boldness is knowing when we are nervous to share about Jesus with our friends or do something we know He wants us to do, we are not alone but He is there with us as we boldly follow Him.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.



CONVERSATION GUIDE

MAIN POINT

Bold humility is realizing that nothing we do can earn salvation--only what Jesus has done for us.

GET THEM TALKING

Would you rather become famous for doing nothing OR be rich and never be known? How come?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Before today, how would you have defined the word 'humble'?
2. Who is the most humble person you know? What makes them humble?

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:3-11 & 3:3-6. As a group, discuss the following questions:

3. In what ways did Jesus show humility?
4. Paul says to "think of others as better than yourself." What makes this so difficult?
5. Does Paul think that our own efforts or good deeds will ever be good enough for God? Why or why not?
6. Paul tells us to rely on what Jesus did for us. What exactly did Jesus do for us?
7. In your own words, what does it mean to truly be humble in your everyday life?
8. What can you do this week to keep a humble spirit?

NEXT STEP

What boldly humble step can you take for Jesus this week? (Give them some time to think and share). Why fear might intimidate us from taking these steps, and how can we lean into Jesus to overcome these fears?

PRAYER GUIDE

Invite them to pray for one another to live boldly humble for Jesus. Pray for their bold humility to point others towards Jesus!

SCRIPTURE

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-11 (NLT)

“³ Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

PHILIPPIANS 3:3b-6 (NLT)

“We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort, ⁴ though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more! ⁵ I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. ⁶ I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.”