



REACHING PEOPLE WITH THE LIFE GIVING MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST

Summer Mixtape: Free of Me

Big Idea:

In this week's message, Dr. Greg continued our Summer Mixtape series with a message about overcoming our selfishness. We learned about the seven signs of selfishness. Being selfish can look like making God, your family, your appearance, your possessions, your friendships, your calling, or your church about you. As Christians our goal should not be to gravitate toward people like us but to gather strangers and turn them into family. When we shift our focus from ourselves, we can begin to live free from selfishness. It begins with praising God, giving freedom your focus. Then we can seek to impact other people, giving a framework to our freedom. Lastly, we can seek purpose, so that our freedom has fulfillment. Jesus lived a life of ultimate humility and demonstrated obedience through His sufferings. He knew the power He had over all things. Yet, He exhorted His disciples to be sacrificial servants like Him, demonstrating it by washing their feet, being rejected by His own people, and dying for our salvation.

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. (Philippians 2:7-8)

Community Group Questions:

1. What are some of the ways pride has impacted your relationships with others? With God?
2. What does it mean to truly put the interests of others ahead of our own? What are some of the very real and specific obstacles to doing this?
3. What changes do you need to make in your attitude and in your life so that you will seek only to honor God, and not just yourself?

Prayer Focus:

Jesus, thank You that You are the creator of the universe, and yet You chose to humble yourself and live and die for us. Help us to humble ourselves and live to honor You. Open our eyes to see others who are hurting. Give us wisdom and fill us with your love to reach those who are in need. Amen.

Next Steps:

Spend some time thinking about what you will do, beginning today, to cultivate a Christlike attitude of humility. Determine who will help keep you accountable and challenge you as you walk in humility.