



Week 2: January 11/12, 2014

More Than Me

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. 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, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5-11 NLT)

1. Unity is a challenge (Eph 4:1-2)

Different Stories
Personal Preferences
Inward Focus

2. Put on the Servant-Mindset of Christ (Philippians 2:5-11)

God reveals Himself as a servant

3. Put into Motion...

No negative talk (2 Corinthians 12:20)
Forgiving those who hurt me. (Ephesians 4:32)

The Second Pledge
I am a unifying church member.

I will seek to be a source of unity for the sake of the gospel. I will create unity by serving others remembering that Christ served me by going to the cross. It is not about my preferences and desires. I know there are no perfect pastors, staff, or church members. I will not be a source of negative talk instead I will forgive those who hurt me. My church is about more than me.

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Small Group/Personal Reflection Questions:

1. What did Paul mean when he said in Colossians 3:14 that love is the perfect bond of unity? What does that mean for the local church today?
 2. What is the best path to take if someone brings gossip to you in your church? What does the Bible say about gossip?
 3. How is forgiveness related to unity in the local church? What does the Bible say about forgiving one another?
 4. Look at Matthew 6:14-15. Relate those words to being a church member. What does it mean if one church member does not forgive another?
 5. Find and explain key passages in the Bible that talk about Christians being like servants. How would you describe a servant as it applies to being a member of a church?
 6. Go verse by verse through Philippians 2:5-11. Explain how the attitude of Christ in each verse becomes a pattern for us as church members.
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