

PRAY

- In what ways is God shaping you to be more humble and more like a servant? As a group complete this prayer, “God help me to be humble by”
- Pray for each other. Share some prayer requests, and then remember to pray for them during the week.



Week of May 18, 2008

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

WELCOME – If you have new people in your group, be sure to introduce everyone. Find out names, how they heard about the Hill, and how long they’ve been attending.

THE MARRIAGE PROJECT – If you need help finding an encouragement crew, contact Pastor John or look within your own Community Group for another couple. We would love to help you find some people to cheer you on.

SPIRIT OF AMERICA – If you missed the meeting for volunteers on Sunday, please sign up with Lisa at Lisa@churchonthehill.com to volunteer to serve at our Fourth of July Spirit of America event. With 17% of our church family in their first year on the Hill, many have never had the fun of helping pull off the biggest neighborhood party on the Fourth. Volunteer!

CRAVE COMMUNITY GROUPS - Beginning Wednesday, June 18, and running for eight weeks, a new Community Group will be meeting on Wednesday nights. If you would like more info, contact John@churchonthehill.com.

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT – Be thinking about whether you can serve or attend the August 7-8 summit. Become the leader God wants you to be.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

When I perform a wedding ceremony I have the couple repeat the *ring vows*: “I, (name), give you this ring as a testament of my endless and faithful love. With this ring I vow to you in humility before the Lord, that you will be my wife/husband and I will love you always.” It’s a sweet promise, but there is a phrase in there that most people don’t think much about—“in humility before the Lord.”

The main point to Sunday’s message was . . .

THE GREATEST ENJOYMENT IN MY MARRIAGE COMES THROUGH SERVING MY SPOUSE.

To make this principle a reality, the husband and wife each must have a certain level of humility.

The questions below will walk you through scriptures on the character quality of being humble.

1. Have you ever wondered why it was so hard to be on the same page? Read Philippians 2:1-4. Paul was encouraging the church to be united. Granted, he wasn’t talking about being married but about having good relationships. What words in verses 1 and 2 are descriptive words for a good marriage? Underline those words in your Bible, and then discuss what that might look like in a marriage.
2. In verse 3 Paul made two statements. What was he saying not to do and what mind-set should we have?

Don’t do this:

Have this mind-set:
3. Verse 4 also contains a call to action. What does this verse instruct us to do in order to have the qualities listed in verses 1 and 2?
4. Why is humility so difficult with people we know the best? We often become more selfish with our own family and act generously toward people outside our family. Why?
5. Before we go any further, write out a definition of humility. You might use words and concepts we have already read from Philippians.
6. If the greatest enjoyment in our marriages comes through serving our spouses, how is humility a requirement in order to serve them?
7. There is a motivation to serving others that is much deeper than wanting to have a happy marriage. Read Philippians 2:5-11. In what ways was Jesus humble? Can you recall stories about Jesus that demonstrate his humility?
8. Read Matthew 20:25-28. The stated purpose of our Community Groups is *growing people to become more like Christ*. To be more like Jesus we will serve, and that requires humility. It is much more than building a marriage. By serving our spouses we are showing ourselves to be followers of Jesus. Would you spend a minute and brag to each other about how *other people* have served you in the past?
9. Give an update of how *The Marriage Project* is going for you.
 - Have you started the Daily Projects? How has it gone so far?
 - Do you have your date nights planned?
 - Do you have an encouragement crew?