



Community Groups are used extensively as the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering and run on a quarter system. There is one in the fall, one in the winter and one in the spring. During the summer weeks we don't meet in Community Groups but we still offer the Growth Guides as a tool to help you grow personally. The Growth Guides are designed to help you dig deeper into the weekly sermon on your own or with your family and are available each week along with the note sheets at church as well as online.

USE THIS GUIDE TO PREPARE FOR THE DISCUSSIONS IN COMMUNITY GROUP.

Consider...

Use the summary and discussion below to review and apply this week's message:

The Big Idea

We can't live fully for God if we're living full of ourselves.

Message Summary

There have been so many takeaways from our Remix series, but perhaps the biggest one is this final one: coming back together as a body in a way that pleases God isn't possible if we try to hold on to what pleases us the most as a member of the body. Humility must lead the way, and the only way for us to be full of humility is to be emptied of ourselves. Why can we say that so boldly? Because Philippians 2:1-11 shows us that Jesus emptied himself, and if he did it, it's a guarantee that we'll need to do it, too. To be like Jesus, we've got to pull the plug on our POWER, POSITION, and PRIDE. Only then can we be completely filled with his PRESENCE.

Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- Read Philippians 2:3. What does it mean to consider someone "better than yourself?" Talk about a time when you looked out for the interests of another person. How did it affect your attitude? The relationship?
- Read verses 5-8. How does the example of Jesus help us understand the commands written in verses 3-4? What does it mean that Jesus made himself nothing? What characteristics in Jesus' life reveal that he took on the nature of a servant?
- Have you ever considered that Jesus could have come as a "demanding king" instead of as a humble servant? How would your response to him be different if that was how he came?
- Jesus pulled every plug in obedience - all the way to the cross! Since there was no limit to his obedience, what does that demand from us in terms of our attitude towards obedience to God?
- What might happen if Christians stopped demanding their rights and instead started obeying God's will no matter what?
- Which of the 3 plugs - power, position, and pride - do you need to pull right now?