

## GROUNDWORK

### LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR UNITY, HUMILITY, AND COMMUNITY

#### Humility

- Open in prayer.
- Read Mark 10:34-35 and ask God to transform us into a people who reflect the humility of Christ in and through us to those around us.
- Read Mark 10:45 and Philippians 2:5-8.
  - Who were some of the people Jesus served while He walked on the earth and how did they reflect the Great Commission and Great Commandment? (Our Vision)
  - When Pastor Paul said, “Just as Jesus humbled Himself to serve everyone, even through His death, we are called to humble ourselves and serve everyone.” Who are the “everyones” in your life that need to experience God’s love through your humble service to them?
- Read Mark 10:42-45 and discuss how even today this verse is contrary to our current culture.
- Read Galatians 5:13-15 and Colossians 3:12-15 and contextualize these two verses.
  - What does “serving one another through love” look like in your current life journey?
  - Share a past, current, or future situation in your life where you “*put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive.*”
  - If it’s a future situation that needs to happen, stop and pray as a group for the person.
- Read Micah 6:8 and discuss what this looks like as we live as “humble servants” to the world around us. (home, work, school, recreation, entertainment, etc.)
- **Note:** Three requirements are specified in v. 8. First, they must “act justly” (see comments on 3:1). Boice points out, “To act justly is most important, for it does not mean merely to talk about justice or to get other people to act justly. It means to do the just thing yourself.” Second, they must “love mercy.” The Hebrew word for “mercy” is *hesed*, which essentially and primarily means “faithful covenant love.” Third, they must “walk humbly” with their God (“your God” is relational covenant terminology and is the counterpart to “my people” in v. 3). “Walk” means to “live” in a certain way, but the Hebrew for “humbly” is difficult because it is not the usual word for humility. It almost certainly does not mean “humbly”. Probably the NIV is as accurate as any version. Here is its rendering of the entire verse: “People of Israel, the Lord has shown you what is good. / He has told you what He requires of you. / You must treat people fairly. / You must love others faithfully. / And you must be very careful to live / the way your God wants you to.” So “walk humbly” would be better rendered “walk carefully (with your God),” which ultimately

means “be careful to live the way your God wants you to.”<sup>1</sup> (<sup>1</sup> Barker, K. L. (1999). [\*Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah\*](#) (Vol. 20, p. 114). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.)

- Read Matthew 5:14-16 and then pray it as a prayer for us as Transformation Church.

**Soul-tattoo:** In humility serve one another so that others may see Jesus living in and through us.

- Take time to encourage your group to invite a friend, family member, classmate, neighbor, coworker to our Good Friday and Easter Services.
- Pray for people to experience God’s love in an overwhelming love through our services.

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