

# SERVE THE CITY



## Count Others as More Significant | Week 1

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### 1. Catch Up On Life:

*Life is better together. Whether we are celebrating wins with one another or catching each other up on the difficult things that are happening. Use this time to listen and share.*

- Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?
- What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)?

**Pray:** Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

### 2. Review the Mission:

#### People:

- Reactive - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
- Proactive - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, STC partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Columbia)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve, and build relationships with this group?

#### Plan:

- Are there any rhythms already planned, or an extra rhythm we could plan to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?

**Pray:** Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

### 3. Sermon Discussion:

*God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a LifeGroup throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25)*

**Primary Passage:** Philippians 2:3-29

**Related Passage:** Mark 10:43-45, 2 Timothy 4:6, Matthew 16:24-25

Read and Recap: Have someone read **Philippians 2:4-11** and recap the highlights from this week's sermon. What stood out to you from the scripture or sermon? Why?

- Paul encourages us to consider other people as more important than ourselves. What seems hardest about posturing your life this way? What obstacles seem to keep you from living a life like this?
- Are their people in your life who have demonstrated this Philippians 2 posture well? What did they do and how did it point you to Jesus?
- How can you set yourself up this week to consider serving the interests of someone else? Someone in your LifeGroup?
- How can our LifeGroup rally together to prioritize considering the interests of the people that we are building with?

### 4. Engage the Heart:

*Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)*

- Has the Holy Spirit been prompting you to do anything that you've been resisting? What steps do you need to take to obey?
- Are there any areas in which you're struggling to receive and walk in God's forgiveness?

**Pray:** James tells us that a community that regularly confesses sin and prays for each other will see a lot of healing. Confess your sins in prayer and pray for each other.