

## Oceanside Connect Group Outline

Week of April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016



### Key Scriptures:

Philippians 2:3–5 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

Matthew 18:1–4 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

John 15:5 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

### Discussion questions from this week’s sermon

**In popular culture today how do you see that humility is both discouraged and encouraged?**

**Have you found, since becoming a Christian, that humility has been growing supernaturally in your life?**

**We believe that Jesus is the true model for humility. Why is this? What examples of this come first to mind from the Gospels?**

**So much that Jesus did, by the world’s standard, appears the opposite of humble. He insulted the Pharisees, corrected His disciples, whipped the merchants in the temple, “worked” on the Sabbath, and was even crucified because He wouldn’t back down from His true identity. Why, even in all of these things, is Jesus still the pinnacle of what it means to be humble?**

**In what ways do the above examples of what Jesus did challenge your definition of humility?**

**Read Matthew 18:1-4. What attributes of a child do you think that Jesus was pointing to? What do you think He meant in verse 4?**

**Pride is self centered. With it we rarely consult God except in crisis and seek the hand of God more than the face of God. How does John 15:5 speak to this? How does pride effect our relationship with God?**

**Read Philippians 2:3-5. What is the most practical way that you can look to the interests of others within the church community? How does this play out in our relationships outside of church?**

**“The more humble we are the more we can achieve for God’s Kingdom.” Is this statement true? Why is this so counter intuitive? How does humility become a key to God’s power in your life? (John 15:5)**