



Key References:

Ephesians 4:1–6 (NIV)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;

Matthew 23:11–12 (ESV)

¹¹ **The greatest among you shall be your servant.** ¹² **Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.**

Philippians 2:3–4 (ESV)

³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

John 13:12–17 (ESV)

¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, **“Do you understand what I have done to you?”** ¹³ **You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.** ¹⁴ **If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.** ¹⁵ **For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.** ¹⁶ **Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.** ¹⁷ **If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.**

1 – 2017 / 2018

Looking back at 2017 name one thing that God grew in you and how.

Now considering 2018, **knowing that you have been called as an ambassador of Jesus, do you feel Him directing you toward anything in particular?** (for those who are unsure have others in the group share what it might be)

2 – Humility

Read Ephesians 4:1-4. **Why does scripture mention humility immediately after encouraging us to live up to our calling?**

Read Matthew 23:11-12. Jesus was addressing religious pride among those at the time. There are multiple references in scripture to the last being first – **why does the kingdom work like this?**

3 – Serving others

Mike quoted “You know you’re a servant when you have a positive reaction when people treat you like one”. **Why is that quote so out of place in our culture today? How does this quote make you feel?**

Do you find it easy to serve others? When is it easy & when is it hard?

4 – Becoming humble

About Jesus’ humility Mike said: *“I believe the key to Jesus’ humility was the self-revelation of who he was, the Son of God. Knowing his identity gave himself dignity and significance.”* **How does knowing your identity & position before God produce humility in yourself?**

Did you ever feel embarrassed about being a Christian growing up? What is at the root of a young person’s embarrassment? How does true God-centered humility defeat that embarrassment?

4 – A call to serving

Whatever God is calling us to this year, it’s clear in Jesus’ teaching that we are to be humble and serve one another in love first. **How can we use our callings that we mentioned at the beginning as serving opportunities?**

The night before Jesus was betrayed he washed his disciples’ feet. **Read John 13:1-7,12-17 while thinking about what is to happen. What in this do see important to reflect upon?**