

Sermon Questions

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Speaker: James Allison
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Scripture: Philippians 2:3-11

***** These questions are designed as a starting place for your facilitation. We encourage you to look through the sample questions and modify them to your specific group dynamic. These questions are not meant to be a comprehensive list but rather a grid to help you start thinking through the talk and how you think your group may have responded towards it. These questions will work better if you have taken notes of specific quotes or ideas from what was said.**

What do you Think?

- What stood out to you most in James' Talk?
- James talked about how Jesus never went around flashing his "God Card" to leverage things for his own behalf. Instead he leveraged that right for the sake of other people who God put in his life. What areas of "Rank" or "Power" has God given you such as in your Family, at Work, with your Friends, with your resources...? In other words, who are people in your life who you have either the power to serve or use for your own benefit?

What are you Feeling?

- James said that left to ourselves we usually end up taking our rank, our power, our leverage we use it for ourselves. Only when we have everything we want, then maybe we will leverage, a little bit, of our power, rank, resources, and rights to selflessly help and love others around us. How did you feel when hearing that? What people popped in your head who you have a hard time serving?
- Jesus denied what he "deserved" and chose to selflessly and humbly put others needs before his own. When thinking through relationships or things in your life where you feel someone owes you something, how do you really feel when you don't get what you feel you "deserve"?
 - At some point in your discussion you will probably want to get people to a place where they realize that we basically all want to be served by those around us yet find it incredibly difficult to actually serve. Perhaps towards the end of the evening a good rap up question would be, "How do you think your own personal life and the perceptions of your life by others around you would change if we tangibly and radically lived this principle out?"

What will you Do?

- Are there any areas in your life where you are serving people without personal leverage? What made you choose servant hood verses right? What in your life holds you back from selflessness in other relationships?
- What specific areas of your life do you need to have the courage to lay aside your desires in order to demonstrate Jesus-Like love? How can you start to tangibly live that out this week?
- How do you think your own personal life and the perceptions of your life by others around you would change if we tangibly and radically lived this principle out?