

Title: Humility

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Big Idea: This week Phil taught on humility by addressing the question: “what does humility look like?” While humility has many expressions, certain characteristics are always present. Specifically, humility *loves*, humility *works*, humility *receives*, and humility *obeys*.

Passage: John 13:1-17

Discuss It:

1. In your community, what things are considered to be signs of high status?
2. Can you remember a time when you were asked to do a menial, demeaning job? What was your reaction?
3. **Read John 13:1. Humility loves.** John wants his readers to understand that what Jesus is about to do is an expression of love. How does humility enable us to express love more fully? Can you think of a time when pride has kept you from expressing Christ’s love to someone?
4. **Read John 13:3-5. Humility works.** Phil taught that humility must be more than an inner feeling. It must express itself in action. In fact, you might have to *serve humbly* before you *feel humble*. Think back to a time when you served someone else. What did you learn or experience through serving that you didn’t realize before? (For example, people often remark how rewarding it is to serve).
5. **Read John 13:7-8. Humility receives.** When and why do you find it difficult to allow others to serve you? Whose service do you need to accept the next time he or she offers?
6. **Read John 13:12-17. Humility obeys.** Jesus is clear that his authentic followers will imitate him by humbly serving others, and he promises that God will bless us when we serve. Still, serving others always comes at a cost (time, resources, opportunities, etc.). When do you find yourself questioning whether the blessing of serving someone will outweigh the cost?
7. **Read John 13:3-4** again. These verses reveal that Jesus understood his identity, and therefore chose to serve. What do you think is the connection between a secure identity and the ability to serve humbly?

Apply It:

- What is the one thing you need to take away from this study?
- What will help you remember it?
- Is there anything that needs to change in your thinking, actions, or relationships as a result?