

Growth Group Discussion Questions
For Our Growth Group- On Line Meetings
“Exploring Off The Map- Part 2
“Heading Into Uncrowded Territory”
Week of May 17th, 2020

Summary- Oh man, now we’re exploring off the map- and getting away from the city lights! We’re heading out into where not everyone goes with this subject of humility, taking the initiative to humble yourself! Even for Jesus Followers, humility is an on again-off again subject for many, but it is the sign that Jesus is your Lord! Taking the lowest seat at the table... means we humble ourselves as a way of lifestyle. Seeing yourself as a servant of God and of others means we have chosen...” to count others as better than ourselves!” Other people and their needs matter as much to us as our own cares and concerns do! So, whether it’s building a great life or interacting as a mom or dad or boss or employee or serving at church, humbling yourself is the right move. And, when you do that, you put Jesus to the test: because the promise is... (in 1 Peter 5:5-6) If you humble yourself under the mighty hand of God, He will lift you up in due time! We could say He will do it... “at just the right time of His choosing!” When you humble yourself you are being like Jesus to those around you! Interesting that a parable about a wedding party could teach us so much about how to live a great life! Let’s talk about what it all means in our groups.

- 1. What stood out to you from Ben’s message on “humility” this week? Any big take aways?**

- 2. Read Luke 14:1-11 and discuss the following:**
 - a. Jesus is having dinner with a group of religious leaders when he heals a man at the table with a medical issue. What were the reactions of the other people at the table?**

 - b. Why do you think Jesus picked a story about humility to share with a bunch of religious leaders who were mostly His critics?**

 - c. What do we learn about humility from the wedding party story Jesus told?**

3. Ben mentioned in the sermon that humility is a learned response and life characteristic- none of us are born “humble!” It’s a learned activity that needs to be taught to our kids and practiced by each of us. Think of ways to show humility (Luke 14:10...“choose to take the lowest seat at the table.”) in the following situations:

1. When ordering at the drive thru restaurants-
2. When you engage in a conversation with a friend on the phone-
3. In your role as a spouse during the quarantine-
4. When interacting with a visitor at church-
5. Being a neighbor to the people you live near-
6. Driving in the city or on the freeway-

4. Here are some key bible passages on the subject of “Humbling Yourself”! Check these out if you want more on the subject.

1 Pet. 5:5-6

James 4:7-10

Eph.5:21

Phil. 2:3-4

Matt. 5:5

2 Cor. 4:5

Rom. 13:1-4