

small things BIG DIFFERENCE

Week 8

Life Group Notes

Process (what has been taught) - 20 minutes

Read Ephesians 4:7-16. Remind the group that serving others is a privilege not a chore because we are acting in faith, responding to our belief in God that He is using us for His glory and purposes.

- Honest Questions
 - Have you ever jumped at the opportunity to serve God in public? What about serving God in secret? Share your stories. Why is the latter often harder?
 - Have you even begrudgingly served other people? What made it so hard? Share your stories.
 - Do you ever grumble about being served by others? Think about it ... ever grumbled about the sermon, the worship, the coffee, the fellowship? Read Romans 14:4. Does this have anything to do with pride?
 - What do you think about serving? In what area of ministry do you think you are called?

Prepare (for godliness) - 15 minutes

This week we're considering how serving others dethrones pride.

- Read 2 Chronicles 6:16. What attitude did Uzziah's downfall start with? What role do you think pride had in this? How do you think this crept into his life?
- Read Proverbs 26:12. Why is there little hope for this man? What role does pride have in this?

Practice (of godliness) - 15 minutes

Take 15 minutes to plan one activity that the whole group can be involved in that will bless someone else without them knowing who has blessed them (for example, we used to do something called "ding, dong, ditch". Our youth group every month would work on blessing one family in the church by (for example) visiting their house in the evening (under cover of darkness), ring the doorbell and leave a gift on the doorstep (as the kids run and hide). The gift was personal to the person and completely funded and organised by the youth. They loved doing this and it was always great fun hearing how much the family had been blessed! You will be asked as a group to carry out this activity as a group in future weeks.

- What could this Life Group do together that would bless someone else "in secret"?
- When will you do it?

Pray (for godliness) - 20 minutes

Make sure this week members are praying specifically for:

- opportunities to serve - for God to put people in their path
- listening and attentive hearts - to be able to hear the Holy Spirit speak to us about stepping out in faith to serve
- humble and servant hearts