

PART 3: THE SECRET POWER OF HUMILITY

## **INTRODUCTION**

In the first century, the cross was a symbol of suffering and shame. In this series, we'll talk about how it represents an empowering invitation to a completely different way of life.

## **KEY SCRIPTURE**

1 Peter 5:5 1 Corinthians 1:18 John 6:14-15 Proverbs 3:34 Matthew 14:15-16 John 13:12-13, 15

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. In your own words, describe humility. Name someone you know of that personifies humility.
- 2. What is it about somebody who shows humility that attracts others to them or makes people like them?
- 3. Read John 6:5-15, where Jesus miraculously fed thousands of people. In what ways did Jesus demonstrate humility here?
- 4. Where do you most often experience recognition, perks, and privilege? What would it look like to chase humility in those contexts?
- 5. Read John 13:12-15. What would choosing humility look like for you? Who could you leverage your power and authority to benefit?
- 6. If you really believed that the cross represents a way of living, how would it change the way you live?

**Application Prayer:** Jesus, I choose humility as my posture for life, as you did. I surrender myself to the way of the cross.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.

-Philippians 2:5-9