

19th September 2018

Prayer and Study Group Week One.

With all Humility – Lesson 1

Ephesians 4:1-3

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Psalm 62:8

Trust in him at all times O People; pour out your hearts before him...

Ed Welch:

Humility simply acknowledges our many sins and limitations, and it responds with, “I need Jesus, and I need other people”

One way to put humility to work – Ask someone to pray for you...

Discussion

1. Have you ever asked another person to pray for you (as they are with you)? How did it go?
2. Think about how you can make connection between your needs and God’s promises. Health concerns? Financial fears? Relationship difficulties? How might you bring scripture to these or other situations?
3. How do you hope to grow in being needy? Who might you ask to pray for you?
4. Take time to pray together.

Moving Towards Others – Lesson 2

Ezekiel 34:11 (-24)

¹¹ *“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.*

Ed Welch:

God takes the initiative and moves towards us; we take the initiative towards others. This is simple teaching with endless applications.

Imagine a group of people who move toward each other – active more than passive, loving more than fearing rejection.

How to begin to move towards:

Greet people warmly

Know their name

Know basic information (family, work etc)

Discussion

1. Have you ever been pursued by someone who took a genuine interest in your life? How did that person do it? How was it encouraging to you?
2. We hope to be motivated by how Jesus has treated us. How would you say that Jesus has pursued you?
3. Why might you be reluctant to move towards others?
4. How do you hope to make the first move today and this week?