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TO LIVE IS CHRIST, TO DIE IS GAIN A New Way of Thinking

BIG IDEA: To be like Jesus you must think like Jesus.

ICE BREAKER

1. Did you ever have a bracelet or T-shirt that had these initials on it...WWJD? What do they stand for?
2. Would there be any difference if you asked this slightly different question, "How would Jesus think"?

THINK

1. Is it possible to follow some of the actions of Jesus and not be thinking like Jesus? Explain.
2. In **2 Corinthians 10:5**, Paul says, "*We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*"
 - How difficult would it be to make every thought obedient to Christ and His way of thinking?
 - What difference would it make in your life if all your thoughts were the same thoughts Jesus would have in every situation?

EXAMINE

Read **Philippians 2:5-11** and answer the following questions.

1. How does this passage give advice about building and sustaining healthy relationships?
2. What are some ways relationships would be better if we had the same mindset of Christ?
3. How could Jesus have used His equality with God for His own advantage?
4. How humbling was it for Jesus to come into our world and become human?
5. How much more humbling was it for Jesus to become a servant to humans?
6. How much more humbling was it for Jesus to become obedient to death on a cross?
7. While on the cross, Jesus must have been thinking...what do you think were some of those thoughts? (About the Roman soldier, the crowd, His mother, the criminal on the cross etc.)
8. Name one relationship that would improve if your thoughts were Christ thoughts in every situation and encounter with this person.
9. Why does Paul keep emphasizing the importance of humility?
10. When you think of God do you think of humility? Does that image change when you know that Jesus, the servant King, is also God in the flesh?
11. Paul follows this passage about thinking like Jesus with an admonition in **verse 14** to not grumble or argue. Would there be any grumbling or arguing if we had the mind of Christ and began to think like Him?

THIS WEEK: Focus on the cross of Christ and the humility it took for Jesus to die in your place. Now, take one day this week and live it with this intentionality...you want to think like Jesus. In every situation...not what would Jesus do...but what Jesus be thinking. What would He be thinking at work, in your family, with your friends and so on? Next week, be willing to share with your group one change that happened in your life when you began to think more like Jesus.