

Small Group Discussion Guide

“Love Handles” (pt. 4) – 5.03.2015

Scripture: Colossians 3:17; John 13:3-15

Bottom Line: Leverage your power and influence in a way that reflects God's grace and mercy.

INTRODUCTION:

We have all had people who have had a position influence over us and have greatly impacted our lives. Go around the room and have your group each share one person that has impacted their life. What did they do?

UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

Read Colossians 3:17

Christians are called to live lives that reflect Jesus in EVERYTHING we do!

- 1) *What do you typically do when you are the most powerful person in the room? (denial, fear, ego trip, etc.)*
- 2) *How can you use your power/influence to reflect Jesus in those situations instead of being more concerned for yourself?*

Read John 13:3-15

Jesus is the most powerful person who ever walked the face of the earth, yet he always took on the role of a servant.

- 1) *What can we learn from Jesus' example in this passage? (we can serve others instead of being served, consider others best interests over ours, etc.)*
- 2) *How can leveraging your power for others as Jesus did for you impact those under your influence? (lasting legacy, change your work environment, shine a countercultural gospel light, and lead others to glorify/worship Jesus throughout the city.)*

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

- 1) *Where do you have power or influence over people in your everyday life? (wife, children, employee's, co-workers, etc)*
- 2) *How can you leverage your power or influence to serve others on a daily basis?*