

Small Group Discussion Guide

“Real Mature” (pt. 3) – 05.24.2015

Scripture: Colossians 4:7-18; Philippians 2:3-11

Bottom Line: Spiritually mature people embrace a surrendered and sacrificial lifestyle.

INTRODUCTION/ICEBREAKER:

In this weeks sermon, Adam shared some really bad customer service experiences he had over the past few days. Have your small group share some of their hilariously bad customer service encounters from the past.

UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

Read Colossians 4:7-18

Paul mentions a few people in his concluding remarks to the Colossian church. All of these people have similar characteristics that focus on a common goal.

- 1) What is the common characteristic of the people Paul mentions in his closing remarks? *(they were all people who surrendered to Jesus and sacrificed for others.)*
- 2) Why is living a life surrendered to Jesus and sacrificed for others important?

Read Philippians 2:3-11

- 1) What did Jesus' sacrificed and surrendered life accomplish for us? *(didn't give us a model of how to live, but shows us how he earned God's love and approval for us.)*
- 2) How should we respond to what Jesus accomplished on our behalf? *(rest in his finished work, embrace his great love for us and live surrendered and sacrificed lives as a glad response.)*

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

- 1) What are practical examples of ways you can live a life that is daily surrendered? *(laying down when you could power up; hand over security, identity, and hope in Jesus)*
- 2) What are some practical examples of ways you can live a life that is daily sacrificed for others? *(give away for other's good what you could consume; time, energy, finances, laying down your freedoms etc)*
- 3) How can your small group collectively live a life of surrender to Jesus and sacrifice to others that makes much of Jesus? *(neighborhood parties, serving projects, etc.)*