



Leader Notes Selfishness

1. Remember that the purpose of the Connect question is to loosen up the group.

Watch the video after question 1

2. It's always a good idea to think ahead about your answer and be ready to jump in. In this case, it may help the group get started if you start the meeting by saying, "Who's ready for a little true confession? Be honest now. We can always have a friend or spouse answer for you!"
4. Possible answers might include:
 - The Philippian church probably had a lot of "me-first" people
 - They may have had a lot of show-offs
 - It might have been part of their culture to be self-centered
5. A look through Matthew, Mark, Luke and John will yield many examples of Jesus' teaching about putting the needs and interests of others ahead of our own. Clearly it was important to Jesus. He practiced it in his own life. Another very helpful example is found in John 13 when Jesus washed the disciples' feet.
6. Setting so much aside, Jesus is the supreme example of one who practiced other-centeredness.
7. Your answer here will determine the depth and the extent of your group's sharing. Willingness to share honestly and openly about your own challenge in this area will go a long way to encourage the group to engage.
8. Sub-grouping will help this exercise. Your group may not want to do it. Don't feel like you have to do this tonight. Be sensitive to the feelings of your group members. You may want to prepare by asking someone else in your group to help guide a few. That will help smooth the way.
9. One way to help your group members connect in between meetings is to provide an index card or post-it for everyone and then have to exchange telephone numbers with one other person.

