

HILLSIDE STUDENTS

GREATER THAN | My Pride & Selfishness

LEADER TOOLS

REMINDERS: Take *ATTENDANCE!* Use the app & let us know who to add/remove!

GAME: 🎮🎲 *PLAY Common Ground!* Divide students into small groups. Give them 3 minutes to find as many things as possible that everyone in the group has in common (e.g., “We all like pizza” or “We’ve all seen the same movie”). After time is up, each group shares their list with the larger group. The group with the most commonalities wins.

TOPIC OVERVIEW: Humility isn’t about thinking you’re worthless - it’s about recognizing who Jesus is and who you are in relation to him. C.S. Lewis said humility isn’t thinking less of yourself; it’s thinking of yourself less. When Jesus is great in our eyes, our own greatness stops mattering so much. And here’s the good news: Jesus modeled this perfectly. Philippians 2 says he didn’t consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant. The King of Kings washed his disciples’ feet. If Jesus could humble himself like that, we can let go of our pride too.

DISCUSSION

ICE-BREAKERS:

- If you had to eat a bug, what bug would you choose?
- What is your favorite cereal?

MESSAGE DEBRIEF & BIBLE STUDY:

- What stood out to you from the message?
- How would you define greatness to a friend? Is your definition similar or different compared to the true greatness Jesus talks about?
- **Read John 3:30:** What does it look like for us to “become less”?
- What are some things that motivate you to do things well?
- **Read Colossians 3:23-24.** What motivation is emphasized in this scripture?
- How does pride and selfishness blind us like James and John asking to be at the left and right hand of God?
- If Jesus is your Lord & Savior and He is truly the G.O.A.T, how can you follow his example of service this week?
- Pray for the Lord to remove any false greatness in our lives and to help us pursue with clarity the true greatness of Jesus.

READING PLAN

Join us as we read the New Testament in 6 months!

