



LEAD IN LAST

ENGAGE

WELCOME

Make the students feel welcomed, wanted and seen.

Shake hands, give high-fives, write name tags, and connect them to other students.

ICEBREAKER (INTERACTIVE OR VERBAL)

Play a game with the Huddle or discuss the following to kick things off:

- *Share about a professional athlete who used their influence to serve or support others (i.e. Lebron James starting a free school to support education in Ohio).*

(Option) Think - Pair - Share: Think about last week's challenge. How did it go? Pair with the person next to you and share any wins or thoughts from the previous week.

READ: Philippians 2:3, 5-6

“Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.”

EQUIP

SAY: In Philippians, Paul is encouraging Christian believers to live a life like Jesus did. Jesus was countercultural in His constant display of humility. As redeemed sinners we fight pride, and Paul states that the only way to overcome prideful motives or conceit (empty glory) is to count others better than yourselves. Jesus didn't try to impress others, and His motives weren't selfish. He always sought the will of God and thought of others first. He acted out of a love for God and a love for people. Jesus was never swayed by outsider's opinions.

In 2002, Pat Tillman was offered a 3 year, \$3.6 million NFL contract with the Arizona Cardinals. Instead of accepting their offer, Pat did the unexpected. He turned down this contract in order to enlist in the U.S. Army and defend his country in the aftermath of terrorist attacks. People couldn't believe his actions and advised him to stay in the NFL. But, he counted it more valuable to defend the lives of American citizens than to accept

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such a lofty offer from the NFL. Just two years later, Pat was killed in Afghanistan while engaging in friendly fire.

Pat Tillman chose others over himself, and in the end gave his life for them as well. He gave us a small reflection of Jesus' humility. Throughout Jesus' life, He embodied the purest form of humility. He is God, worthy to be praised and worshipped by all of humanity. Yet in the greatest act of selflessness, He chose to give up this power and position in order to take on human form and enter our mess. By dying on the cross in our place, He saved us from our sin. Living like Jesus means focusing on others with the motive of showing them love and pointing them to God.

INTENTIONAL CONVERSATION

The win of a Huddle is empowering key leaders to create an environment in a sports community where the gospel is made known and lived out through intentional conversation. Spend time in small groups discussing the following questions:

1. What is your definition of "humility"?
2. How does hearing about Jesus' humility change the way you think about Him?
3. When is the last time you put a teammate's need or success above your own?
Share this experience.
4. What do you think makes humility so impactful?

EMPOWER CHALLENGE

SAY: Think of one way you could be countercultural in your sport or life this week. Choose something that reflects Christ's humility, and be prepared to share next week!

PRAYER

Break the Huddle. Invite the students to come back next week to engage with one another.

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