

EMMAUS Wii

week seven • February 23

INTRO

This winter we will be looking at life's relationships... particularly our relationships with each other right here in the middle school group... we will be talking about what community is and how it is a gift from God and how to unwrap this gift and make it part of our lives.

GETTING STARTED

This Wii week we are going to continue to look at some Community Builders...

•SCRIPTURE

•**Luke 9:23-25** - ²³ Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. ²⁵ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?"

•**Philippians 2:1-11** - ¹ Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature[a] God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature[b] of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

•DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Last week we talked about ONE THING... what was that ONE THING and what does ONE THING have to do with community?
2. This week, Dan talked about CLINGING TO THE CROSS... what does this mean? What does it look like?
3. What is humility and why is it important?
4. How is Jesus the ultimate example of humility?
5. How can we CLING TO THE CROSS each and every day? What does this practically look like?
6. How can CLINGING TO THE CROSS be a community builder?
7. What is one way each of us can CLING TO THE CROSS this week?