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Sermon Title: - Pilgrimage empowered by valuing people

Bible Reading: Philippians 2:1-8

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**Sermon Notes: "People Over Programs: Humility in Action"**

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**1. Following Jesus Means Adopting His Values (Philippians 2:1-2)**

- *Philippians 2:1-2*: Paul calls us to be united with Christ, sharing His love and tenderness.
  - **Key Point**: God encounters should change us. We can't experience the love of Jesus without being transformed.
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**2. Christ Modelled Humility (Philippians 2:5-8)**

- *Philippians 2:5-8*: Jesus, though equal with God, became a servant. He didn't cling to His status but embraced humility.
  - **Key Point**: We are called to imitate Jesus' humility, placing others above ourselves.
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**3. Humility is an Action, Not a Feeling (Philippians 2:8)**

- *Philippians 2:8*: Jesus' humility led Him to the cross. True humility is lived out in action, not just felt.
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**4. True Humility Values Others (Philippians 2:3-4)**

- *Philippians 2:3-4*: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves."
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**5. Humility in Action is the Church Being the Church**

- *Matthew 25:44-45*: "Whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me."
  - The church is meant to be a **trailer for Heaven**—a preview of God's kingdom where love, grace, and freedom flow freely.
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## Life Group Study Guide: "Humility in Action"

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### Opening Question:

- "Why do you think there's often a gap between our desire to help others and actually living it out?"

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### Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-8

1. **Read Philippians 2:1-8 aloud.**
  - What stands out to you in this passage about Christ's example of humility?

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### Discussion Questions:

1. **Reflecting on Bono's story:**
  - Why do you think people are quick to cheer for big causes but slow to act when confronted with needs right in front of them? How can we bridge this gap in our own lives?
2. **Philippians 2:1-2** talks about the encouragement and comfort that comes from being united with Christ. How should these experiences of God's love shape how we treat others?
  - *Follow-up:* Have you ever had a God-encounter that changed the way you view or treat people?
3. **Philippians 2:5-8** describes Christ's humility. What does it look like for us to "have the same mindset as Christ"? How is humility a choice?
  - *Follow-up:* In what areas of your life is it hardest to choose humility?
4. **Humility in Action:**
  - Discuss this quote: "Humility is not about how you feel; it's about how you engage with others." How can you practice humility in your day-to-day interactions?
5. **Taking Ownership:**
  - In what ways can we step into responsibility and not wait for someone else to act? Where is God calling you to serve or engage with others more intentionally?

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### Practical Application:

- **Challenge:** This week, find one person you can serve in a tangible way—whether it's through a conversation, prayer, or meeting a practical need. Share how it impacted you next week.

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### Prayer Focus:

- Pray for a heart of humility, asking God to help you value others above yourself and to show you how to live out your faith in practical ways.

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### Reflection Question for Next Week:

- "How did practicing humility change your interactions this week? Did you have any moments where God prompted you to act differently?"