

**Introduction:** The quest for greatness = \_\_\_\_\_ !

### How do we measure greatness?

- **Power** = Who and what we control
- **Possessions** = What and how much we own
- **Position** = Our rank in the pecking order
- **Prestige** = Who and how many “look up” to us
- **Productivity** = What and how much we accomplish

### How do we obtain greatness?

- Two pathways to greatness:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
- True greatness defined = Philippians 2:3-4

## How do you experience true greatness?

One word = \_\_\_\_\_

Humility is the channel through which the supernatural power of God's love flows to heal our deepest hurts and restore our most important relationships.

## Following Jesus into greatness

How to be authentically humble:

1. Humility flows from a specific "mindset".

*<sup>5</sup> Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,*

Philippians 2:5

2. We achieve true greatness when we embrace Christ's "mindset" toward **power** and **possessions**.

*<sup>6</sup> who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,*

Philippians 2:6

3. We become truly great when we embrace Christ's "mindset" toward **position** and **prestige**.

*<sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.*

Philippians 2:7

4. We become truly great when we embrace Christ's "mindset" toward **productivity**.

*<sup>8</sup> Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

Philippians 2:8

5. We experience the \_\_\_\_\_ of true greatness when we follow Christ's example of **servanthood**.

*<sup>9</sup> For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Philippians 2:9-11

**Conclusion: God wants you to be great!**

- The acid test of greatness = \_\_\_\_\_
- The road to greatness = \_\_\_\_\_
- The opportunity for greatness = \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Is there anything wrong with wanting to be great or successful?
2. How does God define greatness? Success?
3. Discuss Christ's descent into greatness. Walk through each point and share what "descending" would look like in your life and relationships.
4. Where, who, and how would God have you serve: At home? At church? At work? At school?