

Kingdom Equations

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Big Idea

We are called to follow Jesus' example of love for others. When we walk in humility, we see ourselves as someone who is loved by God and, in turn, can extend grace and love to others.

"God doesn't ask us to do great things. He asks us to do small things with great love." - Mother Teresa

Let's Talk

1. Humility and Ambition. Humility is not just thinking poorly of yourself; humility is seeing yourself as God sees you. When we exalt ourselves, we are demanding and need to get all that praise. However, when we walk in humility, we can trust that God is in control as we live out our lives to serve others.

"Therefore whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:4

2. Need to be noticed. The world is selfish. It's human nature to seek out praise and recognition. Whether it's getting likes on Instagram, subscribers on YouTube, promotions at work, or that next pay raise that you are confident will make you happy. We desire to get ahead in life. There is nothing wrong with being known or popular or being financially wealthy because having money is not a sin. We can get ourselves in trouble when our needs outshine the view of others. Are you living like the Pharisees walking around with a box on their head showing how much they know about God? Spiritual superiority can be a weapon aimed at our brothers and sisters if we are not careful.

"Everything they do is done for men to see: They make their phylacteries wide... they love the place of honor at banquets... and they love to have men call them 'Rabbi.'" Matthew 23:5-7

Reflect & Respond

Are you walking in humility? If not, you might find yourself in a humbling place in the not-so-distant future. We can't use our standing with God (loved, forgiven, accepted) as a weapon to put others down because God will not be mocked. Take some time this week to consider if you are walking in humility. Are you allowing God to exalt you at the right time? Or, are you fighting for the recognition you think you deserve?