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TITLE A Genuine Interest In Their World

SERIES When we envision a dream home, we think of a luxurious house featuring all the latest trends. But a house doesn't make a home. What if the ideal home isn't one with rich with features, but rich in godliness? How do we make our godly dream homes a reality?

1. What are your thoughts about selfies and social media? Has it has caused people to become more self-centered than in generations past, or is it simply a reflection of the selfish nature that has always been?
2. Learning humility and slaying pride are 2 ingredients that produce unity. Read Isaiah 14:12-15 and Philippians 2:6-8. Compare and contrast the attitude of Satan in Isaiah with the attitude of Christ in Philippians. What is the final position for each?
3. Read Galatians 2:20. Being crucified with Christ means death to self. What are some results you can expect when this key truth is lived out consistently, not perfectly, on a daily basis? How does it slay pride? What is the hardest area of your life NOT to be selfish?
4. Read Philippians 2:3-11. Pastor Doug said humility is not demeaning yourself, being manipulative, or being weak. Which of these false views of humility do you struggle with the most?
5. Humility is, in fact, meekness, or power under control. Sometimes it's challenging to put aside our pride, plans, and opinions because we like to be right and have others agree with us.
 - Under the Word of God – What does the Bible have to say about your situation and how can you apply it even when you don't want to?
 - Under the hand of God – How can you demonstrate your trust in God to see you through the circumstance you're facing?
6. C.S. Lewis said humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less. React to that statement.
7. Jesus always looked considered the interests of others and acted to glorify His Father. Do you find this difficult? When is the last time you consciously acted to glorify your Father in heaven? What were the situation/circumstance and the outcome?
8. How does allowing the truth of knowing whose you are to really sink into your heart, mind, and soul lead to the correct form of humility and the death of pride?
9. Are you someone who takes a genuine interest in others, or is this something you need to work on? What steps can you take to make valuing others above yourself a natural habit? Is there a nudge that

God has put on your heart that maybe you need to act on to help a friend, neighbor, family member, or co-worker?

10. The scriptures offer many great promises to us when we demonstrate humility. Read the following verses to learn what those promises are: James 4:6, James 4:10, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Proverbs 3:34, Proverbs 11:2, Psalm 25:9, Psalm 149:4, Proverbs 22:4
11. Do you struggle with pride and always have to be right? Has your refusal to admit you are wrong about something ever caused strife or division in your family, with friends, or in the workplace? How could you apply humility to your situation to make it better?
12. Read Proverbs 13:10. Can you see the truth in this verse that where there is strife, there is pride?
13. Achieving unity requires letting go of selfish ambition, valuing others above yourself, and taking an interest in others. How can you apply this to an area of your life where unity is lacking?
14. To have the mind of Christ, honestly challenge yourself with these questions:
 - What are you willing to sacrifice?
 - How much are you willing to serve?
 - How submissive are you willing to be?
 - Are you willing to suffer?

Operating according to these principles brings glory to God and helps you become a seed planter rather than a convincer.