

INFUSION # 17

HUMBLE SERVICE

Outreach Influence Team

Meeting Preparation

For the best experience of learning and transformation, please take some time to do the following three things:

Read: *Organic Disciples* (Chapters 13-15)

- Chapter 13 - “When God Knelt at Our Feet”
- Chapter 14 - “Becoming Countercultural”
- Chapter 15 - “Show Me Jesus and Then I’ll Hear Your Story”

Also, read pages 69-70 in *Organic Outreach for Churches*, and reflect on the Mind Shift from Us to Them.

Pray: Thank God for serving us by sending His only beloved Son Jesus as the sacrifice for our sins. Praise Jesus for willingly going to the cross to die in your place and offer His grace.

Action: Over the next week, look for an opportunity to offer one simple act of service each day. Be sure three or four of these are directed toward people who are not yet followers of Jesus. As you serve, think of Jesus’ service to you. After you serve, pray that what you did will glorify Jesus and show His presence to others.

Infusion Focus

In each of the infusions built on the content of *Organic Disciples*, we will focus on one marker of spiritual growth. We will ask three questions: 1) How did Jesus model and teach this marker? 2) How should I follow the example of my Lord in this area of my spiritual life? 3) How should this lead me on mission with Jesus in my daily life? To put it simply, we will **learn** from Jesus, **live** like Jesus, and **follow** Jesus on mission. In this infusion, we will look at what Jesus taught us about worship and be inspired by our Savior. Then we will seek to grow as worshippers in gathered settings and in the flow of our lives. Finally, we will discover how a passionate life of worship leads us outward to the people who Jesus loves.





Opening Scripture and Prayer

Read: John 13:14-15 (2 minutes)

Pray: Take a moment to thank Jesus for setting an example of humble service as He washed the feet of His followers. Pray for courage and power to serve people you encounter in the flow of a normal day.



The One-Degree Rule: Four Minutes to Share It (10 minutes)

Take time in pairs and have each person respond to the three questions below. Each person should keep their sharing to around four minutes.

- On a scale of 1-10, how hot is your passion for lost people and what can you do to increase your temperature this week?
- How can living a life of humble service (in the world) show the presence of Jesus and open doors for spiritual conversations?
- What is one way you can serve a person in your life who is not yet following Jesus, and how might this show the love of Jesus to this person?

My Infusion Strategy: Follow-up (5 minutes)

Take time to honestly discuss these two questions:

- What did you do in the last 30 days to infuse your Level 4 Ministry Leaders with a vision to let wholehearted worship become a source of outreach in their lives?
- How are you continuing to model passionate worship in a way that will honor God, inspire other believers, and show God's glory to lost people?



Share: (8 Minutes)

- Tell about a Christian in your life who has been a model of consistent and humble service in the church and outside of the church. How has this person's lifestyle of service pointed people to Jesus (both believers and spiritually curious people)?
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Learning Theme 1: Jesus...Our Relentless Example of Serving (10 minutes)

Discuss: How did Jesus serve and give us an example to follow?

- John 1:14- How was the birth (the Incarnation) of Jesus a powerful example of humble service?
- John 13:1-11- How did Jesus serve at the Last Supper and what did He call His followers to do?
- Mark 10:35-40- How is the mission of Jesus a call to humble service?
- All Four Gospels- How does the cross and sacrificial death of Jesus (for us) stand as a powerful picture of humble service through all time?
- John 19:25-27- How did Jesus keep serving others even when He was nailed to the cross?
- Hebrews 7:23-25- How is our resurrected Jesus still serving us today?

Learning Theme 2: When Service Becomes Witness (5 minutes)

Discuss:

- Talk about ways we can serve in our home or neighborhood to paint a picture of Jesus, our servant King.
- What are ways we can encourage our church to serve at their school or workplace so that others will see an example of Jesus, the greatest servant ever?
- How can we serve when we are in social settings, doing a hobby, or having fun with others and how might this point people to Jesus?
- How can the local church serve people in the community in ways that can reveal the true heart and care of Jesus?
- How can this conversation affect the way we talk about serving to our church?

BONUS: (5 minutes) The Mind Shift from Us to Them. It is so easy to believe the Church exists for “us” (spiritual insiders) and not for “them” (people who are still far from Jesus). If a church is going to develop an evangelistic culture, we must believe that lost and wandering sheep are always welcome in the local church. As a matter of fact, it is the best place for them!

Discuss:

- What does your church do that might draw lost people and help them feel welcomed and at home?
 - What are things that happen at your church that might (unintentionally) drive people away or make them feel unwelcomed?
 - What is one step your church can take to create a more welcoming and inviting culture for people who are not yet following Jesus?
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Discussion and Collaboration: (8 minutes)

- What is one way you can grow a culture of welcome and acceptance for non-believers in your specific area of church life?
- What is one way you can grow a culture of welcome and acceptance for non-believers in the whole life of your church?
- What outreach event, ministry, or strategy are you engaging in (in your area of ministry) in the next three months and how can others (OIT members) pray and support you?
- What is happening for outreach in the life of the whole church in the next six months and how can the members of the OIT help this succeed? How can you all be praying for a powerful work of God through this outreach?

My Infusion Strategy: How will I infuse what I have learned this month about humble service into my Level 4 Ministry Leaders and beyond? (3 minutes)

Identify:
Person/Group/Team

Write Down:
Infusion Strategy/Action

Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (4 minutes)

- Thank God for how He has humbly served you in so many ways.
- Ask for courage to live as a humble servant and to teach others to do the same.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to show you where the Church has become about you and your desires rather than a place where lost sheep feel welcome to come and meet the Good Shepherd.



Read: John 13:14-15 (2 minutes)

Pray: Take a moment to thank Jesus for setting an example of humble service as He washed the feet of His followers.



The One-Degree Rule: Two Minutes to Share It
(5 minutes)

Take time in pairs and have each person respond to the questions below. Each person should keep their sharing to around two minutes.

- On a scale of 1-10, how hot is your passion for lost people and what can you do to increase your temperature this week?
 - How can living a life of humble service (in the world) show the presence of Jesus and open doors for spiritual conversations?
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Share: (5 minutes)

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Learning Theme 1: Jesus... Our Relentless Example of Serving (7 minutes)

Discuss: How did Jesus serve and give us an example to follow?

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Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (2 minutes)

- Thank God for how He has humbly served you in so many ways.
 - Ask for courage to live as a humble servant and to teach others to do the same.
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Read: John 13:14-15 (1 minute)

Pray: Thank Jesus for setting an example of humble service as He washed the feet of His followers.



The One-Degree Rule: One Minute to Share It (3 minutes)

Take time in pairs and have each person respond to one of the questions below. Each person should keep their sharing to around one minute.

- On a scale of 1-10, how hot is your passion for lost people, and what can you do to increase your temperature this week?
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Share: (3 minutes)

- Have one or two people share about a Christian in their life who has been a model of consistent and humble service. How has this person's lifestyle of service pointed people to Jesus?
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Reflection: (2 minutes)

Allow a few moments for quiet personal reflection.

- What is one way you can help grow a culture of welcome and acceptance for non-believers in your church?
 - What is happening for outreach in the life of the whole church in the next six months and how can you help this succeed? How can you be praying for a powerful work of God through this outreach?
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Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (1 minute)

- Thank God for how He has humbly served you in so many ways.
- Ask for courage to live as a humble servant and to teach others to do the same.