



# WEEK 4 | LEADER GUIDE

## SACRIFICE

### Review: What is Prophetic Community?

*Prophetic Community is the gathering of God's people whose life together testifies to the truth of the Gospel.*

### Core Value #3 - Sacrifice

**Vision Statement:** In a culture that fights for positions of power and influence, we emphasize a life of servanthood modeled to us by Jesus Christ. We believe that a truly prosperous life is grounded in the work of the cross, and is marked by sacrifice, humility, and placing others above ourselves.

Let's read some scriptures that reveal this to us.

- **Philippians 2:1-11** - So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
  - **Quickly - Tell your circle how this text inspires you.**
- **Luke 2:24** - 24 A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. 25 And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. 26 But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. 27 For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.
  - **Quickly - Tell your circle how this text inspires you.**

- **Galatians 2:20**- I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
  - **Quickly - Tell your circle how this text inspires you.**

### **Weekly Questions:**

1. How do the verses above provide a foundation for sacrifice, a core value of Prophetic Community?
2. Philippians 2 talks about Jesus emptying himself to take on the form of a servant; why is this so profoundly different from the culture we live in?
3. What does it look like to empty ourselves in our daily life?
4. What are ways we can look to give, rather than to receive in the prophetic community?
5. How will this impact our Church and point ourselves and others to Christ?

### **Closing:**

*As you prepare to go into the sanctuary for a time of worship, prepare your hearts by having somebody in your circle read this verse out loud. When you are finished say “amen” in unison and then have someone lead your circle in prayer.*

Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Pray for each other.*