



Discussion
Gu'de

“THE ROT IN SELFISHNESS”
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WHEN WE ALLOW SELFISHNESS IN OUR LIVES,
IT ROTTS OUR ABILITY TO BE CHRIST-LIKE

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- We're going to *open* by sharing God Moments about what He is doing in our lives, but save our prayer requests for the END of Pr'me. Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week? [Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section briefly to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:

**When We Allow Selfishness in Our Lives,
It Rots Our Ability to Be Christ-Like**

- This Week's Object Lesson:

running for public office

- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: **Galatians 5:[19] 20**

The result of sin's control in our lives is clear.

...Sinful desire is interested only in getting ahead (v. 20, NIRV)

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Did you ever run for a “public office” (maybe in a local government, school, club, etc)? Tell us about it.
- When you run for a public office, you have to promote yourself—you need to put yourself ahead of your peers. That’s the same Greek word that Paul uses for *selfishness* in Galatians 5:20. **Read & discuss each phrase below that selfishness “says”** (read verses, if necessary):
 - “*Mine!*” Selfishness grips Tightly (Philippians 2:3-8)
 - Share some ways that people do this—how do they “grip tightly”?
 - “*Gimme!*” Selfishness wants More (Genesis 3:1-6)
 - Give examples of what this looks like around us.
 - “*Me First!*” Selfishness seeks Position (Matthew 20:20-23)
 - What positions do people seek today? How do they say “me first”?
 - “*My Way!*” Selfishness desires Control (Matthew 20:24-28)
 - What does “my way” look like in everyday life?
 - “*Look at Me!*” Selfishness craves Popularity (Genesis 11:4)
 - What are the many ways that our culture craves popularity?
- Read Galatians 5:24-25. To deal with *rotten* sin in our lives we:
 - **Admit It:** According to Philippians 2:5, how are we to see selfishness? From the selfishness phrases above, choose one that *least* looks like Jesus in your life, then share how that looks in your life.
 - **Kill It:** Read Philippians 2:3. This isn’t as simple as just knowing—we need to *kill* selfishness by considering others first. **What would this look like in the situation you shared above (under Admit It)?**
 - **Leave It:** Read Matthew 20:25-28. To conquer this sin our lives, we need to leave it behind by following the Holy Spirit’s leading. One of the best things that we can do to leave selfishness behind is by serving others. **How does serving drive us away from selfishness? What are some specific ways that you can serve as a direct response to what you shared under Admit It above?**

Green Questions: Have a few people answer these, then **GO!** to the next question

Red Questions: **STOP!** on these and **take time** to have many people discuss