AMPLIFY: Humility

Lesson 1: To Be Humble Is to Be Honored

What we want students to learn: That humility is one of the core components of a Christ-follower's identity.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: To think about their life and consider where they are when it comes to embracing the kind of humility God calls for.

Scripture Focus: Proverbs 3:34, Proverbs 11:2, Philippians 4:10-13

Overview: Scripture is consistent on God's call to be humble. It is a virtue highly praised by God and His Word. And it's one that is pretty uncommon in the world around us. This series will call your students to embrace humility. They'll start by seeing a general overview of Scripture's call to embrace this characteristic.

Lesson 2: A Call to A Humble Faith

What we want students to learn: That Jesus taught that humility is the mark of a true Christ-follower.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: To consider ways they can put the needs of others' ahead of their own this week.

Scripture Focus: Matthew 23:1-12

Overview: If nothing else, Jesus' ministry dealt a huge blow to the religious establishment of His day. Jesus repeatedly took on the Pharisees and the Sadducees, primarily for how they had put barriers in people's way. They made access to God more difficult than it had to be. And they did so with an arrogance that led Jesus to call them out for what they were. In Jesus' words to His audience about the religious leaders, we see a harsh warning: Jesus tells His disciples to do what the leaders say to do but not to follow their actions. They weren't living out the faith the encouraged others to follow.

Furthermore, they lived lives of arrogance and pride. Jesus shot this down, encouraging His followers to embrace the notion of humility. If you want to live the life of a Christ-follower, put the needs of others ahead of yourself. To be first, you must be last. This call to humility is a powerful reminder to our students of what it looks like to live as a Christ-follower in their worlds.

Lesson 3: Living Humbly

What we want students to learn: That living out God's vision of what it means to be a Christ-follower means having an overall posture of humility toward others.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: To look around them and identify at least one specific person whom they can humbly serve this week.

Scripture Focus: Ephesians 4:1-3, 1 Peter 5:1-7

Overview: This lesson serves as a big-picture challenge to students to embrace a posture of humility toward all people, especially those within their churches. From these passages by Paul and Peter, we see a general call to put others above ourselves, and to embrace aspects of humility such as patience and gentleness, that draw people to God and us. This lesson will help your students focus their efforts on specific people in their lives whom they can show humility to.