

## **Hungry - Self Serving**

**Outside of Jesus death on the Cross, what is the greatest personal sacrifice you have ever heard of?**

**When you think about stories like that, what stirs inside you? Are you inspired, angered, shamed, indifferent?**

**Memory Verse:**

**Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.**

**-John 15:13 NIV**

**Sacrifice was the mode of the Life of Christ, and we can see him doing it in many places:**

**Sacrifice of divine right.**

**READ: Philippians 2:6-8**

**Have you ever been in a place where you had to put yourself under someone who had less authority, status, or stature than you? How did you handle that? What does that say about your level of humility at that moment?**

**Sacrifice of authority**

**READ: John 19:6-16**

**Put yourself in Pilate's shoes, what would have been going on in your head here?**

**What were Jesus's other options?**

**What does Jesus restraint in this situation tell us about God? How does that make you feel personally?**

**Sacrifice of self**

**READ: 1 Thessalonians 5:10, John 5:6, 1 John 3:16**

**Jesus was self serving in that he served us himself.**

**In Christ we see a maturity of love that flowers in self-sacrifice and forgiveness; a maturity of power that never swerves from the ideal of service; a maturity of goodness that overcomes every temptation, and, of course, we see the ultimate victory of life over death itself.**

**-Vincent Nichols**

**READ: 1 John 2:6, Matthew 16:24**

**In the message Kelly said: “Salvation is free but it will compel you to give everything you have.”**

**Do you agree? Why or why not?**

**How do we know what sacrifices to make?**

**Does the Bible hold us to a lower standard or a higher one?**

**What role does grace play in this?**

**How do we know when we are trampling on the Grace of God?**

**READ: Matthew 16:25**

**This last question is deeply personal. Hopefully your group has developed the depth of community to honestly explore and answer it, but if not I challenge you not to just let this one slide by, this may be the most important question you answer for a while. Take your time, and spend some time sharing as a group.**

**-Kelly**

**What are you hanging onto that is causing you to lose life? What is maintaining your grip?**