



People of Self-Sacrifice

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Reflect + Discuss

- Do you have a favorite Christmas movie? Share more about why it is your favorite.
- Can you tell a story of someone who served you at their own expense? What effect did that have on your life and your attitude towards being more others-centered?
- Read the story of Tamar and Judah in Genesis 38:1-26 (if discussing as a group, consider asking your group members to read this ahead of time). Answer any/all of the following:
 - o What stands out to you? What questions do you have?
 - o Why does Judah conclude that Tamar is more righteous than he is?
 - o Is there a time where you've been confronted by someone else or convicted in your own heart about selfish behavior? What made you decide to change?
- Pastor Chris talked about how, historically, Christians were known for their self-sacrifice in caring for the sick during pandemics. Do you think that evangelical Christians were known for their self-sacrifice during the COVID-19 pandemic?
- Read John 13:34-35 and Philippians 2:3-4. What is something that you can do this week to be more self-sacrificial and others-focused? How can you continue to grow in this area beyond this week?

Dig Deeper

- Read Philippians 2:3-4, John 13:34-35, Ephesians 5:1-2, and 1 John 3:16. What would living like this look like in your life? List specific examples. Commit one or more of the verses to memory or write them down and place them where you can see them each day as a reminder for how you should serve others.

Pray

- Pray that God would open your eyes to ways that you can better image him by serving others. Pray that the church would be a community dedicated to serving others.

Next Steps

- Find a way to serve others this holiday season – for some ideas, check out [this list](#) of holiday serving opportunities in Dane County from our Impact Ministry team.