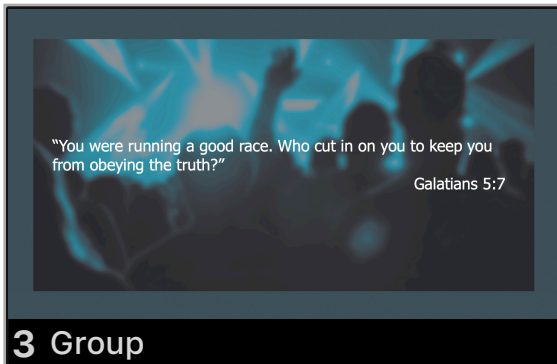




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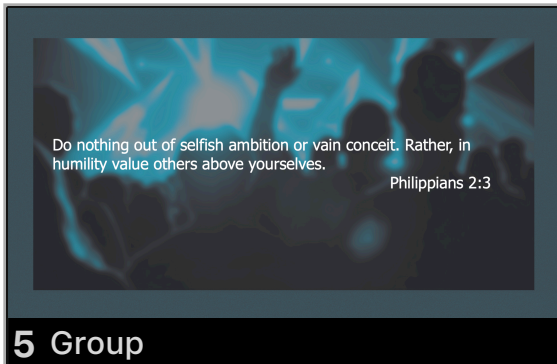
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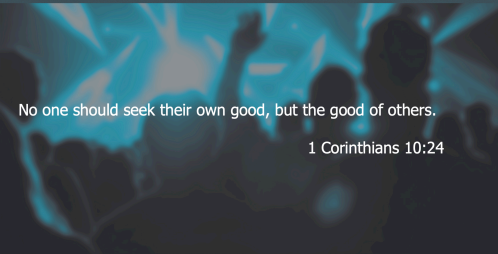
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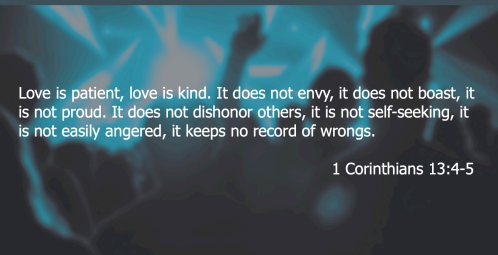
No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

1 Corinthians 10:24

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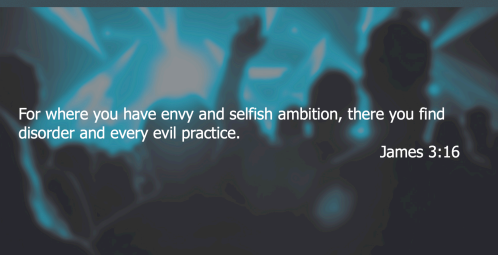
Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

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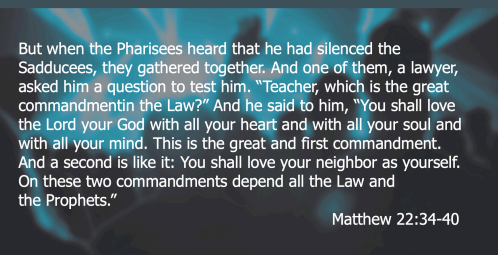
For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

James 3:16

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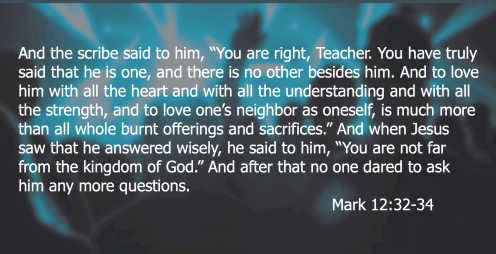
But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 22:34-40

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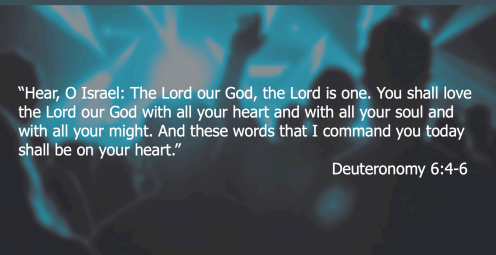
And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Mark 12:32-34

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"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord our God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart."

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

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FINAL QUESTION
Are you selfish?

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SMALL GROUPS

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2021 SURVEY
73% of people reported having 5 or less close friends. What do you see in our secular moment (culture) that is keeping us from intimacy?

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READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES OUT LOUD TOGETHER:

- Philippians 2:3
- 1 Corinthians 10:24
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-5
- James 3:16
- Matthew 22:34-40

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What do you think is the central difference between the way of Jesus offered in these passages and the way of our cultural moment?

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Consider again the groups answers to question one. How do we, as Christ followers, present a different way to the world?

(for reference see 2 Cor. 5:20, Matt. 28:18-20)

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