



## ***The "We" Generation***

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### **Introduction**

Like it or not, we are a consumer-based society. We're always shopping around for whatever best serves our self-interests. God's Word shows that rather than life being all about "me," it's to be about "we." Philippians 2:3-4 says, "Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others." The "me" generation looks for ways to help yourself. The "we" generation looks at ways to help others. The shift from "me" to "we" requires an attitude of humility and an action of sacrifice. This shift affects all of our relationships.

### **Discussion**

1. Discuss the difference between living in a "me" generation versus a "we" generation.
2. Read Ephesians 5:21-6:4. Using these scriptures as a guide, how can we change from a self-centered focus to a more selfless focus in our relationship with family? What are some of the things that keep us from living a selfless life when it comes to relationships with our family?
3. Discuss the idea of "church shopping/church hopping" and having a consumer-driven mentality when looking at church. What can the Church do to help people overcome this mindset?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:27 and Romans 12:5b. What does God say about how we should approach church?
5. How do we, as Lynn Haven church, reach the lost with the gospel? Think about someone you know who does not attend church/does not believe in God. How could the church find a way to relate to that person, through their ways of thinking or experiences?
6. Stephen Covey wrote, "Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood." How does this approach stand in radical contrast to our typical evangelism techniques?

### **Conclusion**

Right after his statements in Philippians 2:3-4, Paul penned these words: "In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus. He made himself nothing ...became like a servant...and humbled himself" (Philippians 2:5-8 NCV). The way we rise above our self-interests and move toward other-centered living is by thinking and acting like Christ Jesus. We need to become a part of the "He" Generation. How might you become more Christ-like in how you relate to your family, church, and community?