SO WHAT

- Read Romans 12:1,2. What do you think did Paul mean when he said "offer your bodies as a living sacrifice?" What should compel us to make such sacrifice?
- What did Paul consider as rubbish and worthless according to Philippians 3:7,8? What do you think is the connection between Paul's attitude and the parable of the buried treasure in Matthew 13:44?
- Read Hebrews 10:15-18. What is the effect of Christ's sacrifice? How does this example empower a believer to value sacrifice as a leader?

NOW WHAT

- Have the courage to share the gospel to your leaders this week.
- Consider some things that you can give up and use the proceeds to help other people.
- Who are the teachers and mentors who sacrificed their time and resources for you? Take time to thank them this week.

PRAYER

- Ask the Holy Spirit to address self-centeredness and some issues of the heart that hinder us from letting go of things.
- Lift up workers of the gospel who are in the thick of the fight and that they would find joy in the midst of sacrifice.
- Thank God sincerely for the salvation He brought to us by His sacrifice!



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Sacrifice



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CONNECT

- What is one thing in your life that is hard to give up?
- What are you willing to let go of to save a friendship? Why?
- In what ways did your parents sacrifice in raising you up?



⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death even death on a cross! PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

WHAT

Sacrificing benefits, comfort, and treasures for others is difficult; our default is to consider our good above others. However, real leadership does not seek the perks that come with the role but even takes on some uncalled-for costs and burdens. Jesus has shown us a perfect example of this. How did Jesus lead through sacrifice?

In terms of who He is

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage... PHILIPPIANS 2:6

Jesus is God, the Second Person in the Trinity, and yet His

stature, power, and glory are not the center of His concern.
Who He is does not get in the way of what He needs to do.
He thinks of our benefit, not His. How do the magnitude of
God's being and the greatness of His affection affect your
thinking? How do you think should you think of yourself
and others?

... rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. PHILIPPIANS 2:7

Jesus took on human form in the same way that a master
takes on a servant's role. Not only did He acquire human
characteristics and lived among us, He became one of us
(Hebrews 2:14). The attitude of a leader is one that stoops
down and identifies with those whom s/he leads. How far are
we willing to go for the sake of others?

3 In terms of the price He paid

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death even death on a cross! PHILIPPIANS 2:8

The cross was not only an execution but also an experience of extreme physical pain and utter shame (Hebrews 12:2,3). Not only did Christ bear the unwarranted cost but also He paid the highest price. Can any cost we pay in life ever compare to what Jesus paid? What are the heavy burdens people carry? How does the truth of Christ's sacrifice lighten the load for us?