

# The Message Gathering

**Series: Learning Love, Living Life**

**Session 1: Stooping**

## **Learning:**

### **Psalm 18:35 (NIV)**

You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great.

### **Philippians 2:6-8 (NIV)**

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,<sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

### **Philippians 2:5 (NIV)**

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ

## **Living:**

### **5 Steps Of Stooping:**

1. Be Open To Everyone
2. Meet Them On Their Terms and Turf
3. Engage Preconceptions and Misconceptions
4. Offer Grace Guided Solutions
5. Allow Them Their Own Decision

## **Today's Statement Of Truth:**

The Only Way To Really Learn The Love Of God, Is To Live A Life Of Grace.

**Questions:**

- Today What One Truth Or Statement Impacted You Most?
- Share A Time From The Scriptures Where You See Jesus Stooping In Grace.
- Share A Time From Your Life When You Experienced Jesus Stooping In Grace To You.
- Why Do We Often Think We Must Keep Sinners At Arms Length?
- What Does Meeting Them On Their Terms And Their Turf Mean To You?
- Of The Five Steps To Stooping:
  1. Be Open To Everyone
  2. Meet Them On Their Own Terms and Turf
  3. Engage Preconceptions and Misconceptions
  4. Offer Grace Guided Solutions
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Which One Is The Easiest For You and Which Is The Most Difficult?