



SIMPLY HUMAN

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Focus We are not superhuman or subhuman. God wants us to think of ourselves the way Jesus thought of Himself. God understands that we are simply human, but He sees us as perfected through Christ Jesus.

Fun If you could pick one superhuman characteristic, what would you pick and why?

Review Key Scriptures: Philippians 2:5–8

1. We are not superhuman.

Jesus was superhuman. He had equal status with God, but He didn't think of Himself as superhuman. Jesus had great power and great authority, but He knew His power and authority came from God. Jesus knew He needed times of rest and prayer as a human, but He also knew the power of God was present to work through Him.

2. We are not subhuman.

Jesus set aside the privilege of deity and took on the status of a slave. He became a servant and lived a selfless life. We should be servants, but we should also recognize that we are God's sons and daughters. There are no superhumans and no subhumans, so stop seeing yourself as worse than others. We are all humans in need of God's grace.

3. We are simply human.

As Christians, our job is to live a selfless, obedient life. Guilt and shame take more people out than sin. Many people struggle with low self-esteem, but it doesn't matter who we are; it matters who God is. Don't try to be superhuman, but don't think of yourself as subhuman. Be simply human and know that God's grace is good enough.

Group Dynamics Idea This Christmas season Gateway has two opportunities to serve others: 1) Invite your group members to pack shoeboxes personally or virtually for Operation Christmas Child. We'll collect boxes during weekend services. 2) Your group can also donate online to bless single parent families this year. Visit gatewaypeople.com/giving for all the details.

Discuss

1. Pastor Robert discussed the different ways we strive for perfection. Which aspect of being human do you struggle with most?
2. Read Philippians 2:5–8. Why do you think the Bible says we are to think of ourselves the way Jesus thought of Himself?
3. Why is it often easier for us to think of ourselves as subhuman or superhuman instead of simply human?
4. Pastor Robert shared it doesn't matter how others see us but how we see ourselves. How do you see you? How does God see you?
5. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?

Take Home

As we conclude, remember the following:

- We are not superhuman.
- We are not subhuman.
- We are simply human.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for being such a good Father to us. Thank You for the grace You give. Help us rest in Your completed work. May we embrace the truths of this series that we are not perfect humans, but we have been perfected by the cross. Help us rest in Your grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip

Prayerfully begin to identify people in your group who might be good leaders for next semester. Many leaders step into that role because somebody believes in them, encourages them, and asks them. Be intentional about raising up believers to lead and do the work of the ministry.