

Life Hacks for Relationships
“The VIP in Your Relationship”
Matt. 20:20-28 & Phil. 2:3-4

1. When the VIP in your relationship is **you**, it cultivates:

“**Serve** me” mindset

Self-centeredness

Perspectival **Arrogance**

Assuming our perspective is the **right** perspective.

Ineffective --> Relational **friction**

2. When the VIP in your relationship is **not you**, it cultivates:

“**Serve**” mindset

Other-mindedness

Perspectival **Humility**

We only see things as they **appear** us.

Healthy communication --> Relational **harmony**

Humility grows as we worship and obey Jesus and serve others.

Life Group Questions: Applying the Teaching to Our Life

1. If you've ever been at an event where you were either treated as or were near a VIP, tell your group about it.
2. Read Matthew 20:20-28. Who are you more like: James and John, their mom, or the other disciples? Why?
3. Have you ever said about a kind of food: “_____ is gross/nasty, etc.”? That statement is perspectival arrogance since you turned a statement of opinion into a statement of fact. Name other ways we practice perspectival arrogance.
4. How can we recognize and abandon perspectival arrogance?
5. What problems and difficulties do you see in living out the Life Hack we learned in this sermon (“Treat the people you are in relationship with as a VIP!”)?
6. Go around the room and come up with practical ways you can treat the people you are in relationship with as VIP's. Practice those this next week.

Core CHRISTlike Characteristic:

Relates with Other-Centered Love/Loving People