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## Application

# BARBIE WORLD 1: DEATH TO SELFIE

Video Transition – LEADER: Emmet though he was the special. He thought he was the hero, the chosen one, the main character. He thought it was all about HIM! But he finds out he's just normal, and instead of being larger than life... he realized he had to sacrifice his life for his friends! Tonight I want to contemplate what it means to kill a self-focused life! What does death to selfie look like?

## YOU MUST DENY YOURSELF

LEADER: Look at [Luke 9:23a](#). Jesus doesn't want you to improve yourself, express yourself, or promote yourself. He wants you to deny yourself! This means that life doesn't revolve around you... and if it starts to look like it does... then you say... nope... that's not for me! Sometimes life seems to say... you are the greatest. That thing you did was awesome... you are himothy! You're the goat! And when life does that you can agree and make it all about you... or you can resist that and say... you know what... im going to choose humility and grace and step into the background a bit. And that's hard!

*Personal Illustration of when you were tempted to be put on a pedestal.*

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## YOU MUST TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

LEADER: Look at [Luke 9:23b & 24](#). I want you to really hear what Jesus is saying. The cross isn't jewelry or a decoration. The cross was a torture device. An execution device. It's like saying, take up the electric chair or lethal injection. To pick up a cross was to pick up pain, suffering, and death. Jesus is saying, "stop living to protect your comfort, reputation, and safety." Instead, take a risk, do something tough, live to the fullest." Put your life on the line!

*Personal Illustration of when you or someone you know did something hard for Christ.*

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## YOU MUST FOLLOW CHRIST

LEADER: Look at [verse 23c](#). You are not the leader. You are to be a follower! Jesus is the only one qualified to be the leader. He's the only one who should be on top. He is himothy. He is the goat! It's all about him and not about us! He leads we follow!

*Illustration: How many followers do you have on your socials? Look right now. Who has the most? Now what does that say about you? How many of your followers know you follow Christ?*

LEADER: If you have followers that's great, as long as you point your followers to Christ! Paul said follow me as I follow Christ!

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Closing - Leader: "Death to Selfie." It's not about you! You aren't the main character! Jesus is! So stop self promoting. Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus! How do you take the focus off yourself? Humility, sacrifice, commitment!

## BARBIE WORLD 1: DEATH TO SELFIE - Intro

Let me ask you a question. Have you ever noticed how much our world revolves around **ourselves**? Think about it. We carry cameras in our pockets all day. But we're not taking pictures of sunsets, mountains, or even our friends anymore. Most of the time we're turning the camera around and pointing it at us. And the trend isn't slowing down. Selfies are just as popular today as they were 10 years ago. We want people to see the most important thing in our worlds on our social media feeds... and that most important thing is **M.E.**

And it's not just pictures. Everything about our culture pushes the same message. Build your brand, promote yourself, chase attention, get followers, become the main character of your own story. The message of our culture is simple... "**Life is all about you.**" You are the center. Your happiness is the goal. Your image is the product.

But it's not real. It's fake. It's manufactured. It's plastic! It's G I Joe's in the back yard mud. It's Barbie and Ken in a pink corvette in the play room! It's Barbie World. In Barbie world you create the narrative. In Barbie world you tell the story. In Barbie world you live your best life right now! And it's sad!

Because life isn't better when it's about you. Life is better when it's shared with others. When it's spent serving others. Jesus never told us to promote ourselves. In fact he told us the opposite. He told us to deny ourselves.

Look at our main passage tonight. [Luke 9:23-24](#). We must deny ourselves... not promote ourselves. We must die to ourselves. We need a new motto: **Death to selfie!** Look at someone else and say, "Death to Selfie." The only way we find true life is to lose it.

It reminds me of a little plastic guy named Emmet who at one time thought he was the main character and the most special person on the planet... and he gave his life up to save his friends!

[Video Illustration: Emmet... I'm not the special!](#)