



DISCUSSION GUIDE MAY 1, 2022

Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

What is a humbling job you have done at home or work? Why did was it humbling for you?

Dig Deep

Read Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

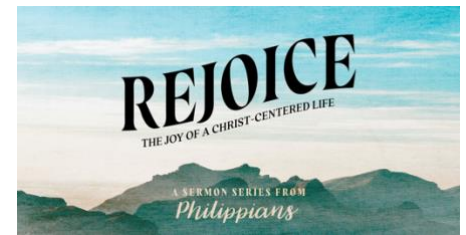
1 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- From verses 1 and 2, what does it mean being “united with Christ” for every believer?
- What challenge is Paul giving us in verses 3-5 and how can we “in humility value others above ourselves”?
- How does humility differ from being a “doormat”?
- Discuss what Jesus did for us in verses 6-8 and how does this influence your relationship with Jesus?
- What does God do in verses 9-11 and what does this mean for everyone who has ever or will ever exist?

Do Big

- Who do you admire because they truly put the interests of others ahead of their own interests?
- Share an experience of being in a fellowship of humility that genuinely cared for one another like Paul describes here?



LEADERS

Read Philippians 2

Background:

Even though Paul had his struggles with what was happening to him, and the church had their struggles with personal conflict and pride that did not stop Paul from radiating joy throughout this letter. After all, when the focus is on the good news and Jesus then there is always the comfort of Christ’s love and the fellowship of the Spirit’s compassion and strength.

Key Thought

At the heart of the gospel is the Messiah song or poem (2:6-11) motivated by God’s love. This ushers in salvation to the world and we are called to be like-minded with Christ in living this salvation.

Challenge

What area in my life do I need to work on to practice the humility of Christ with others and what are steps I can take this week to do this in my life?

Weekly Memory Verse

14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the universe.”

Philippians 2:14-15