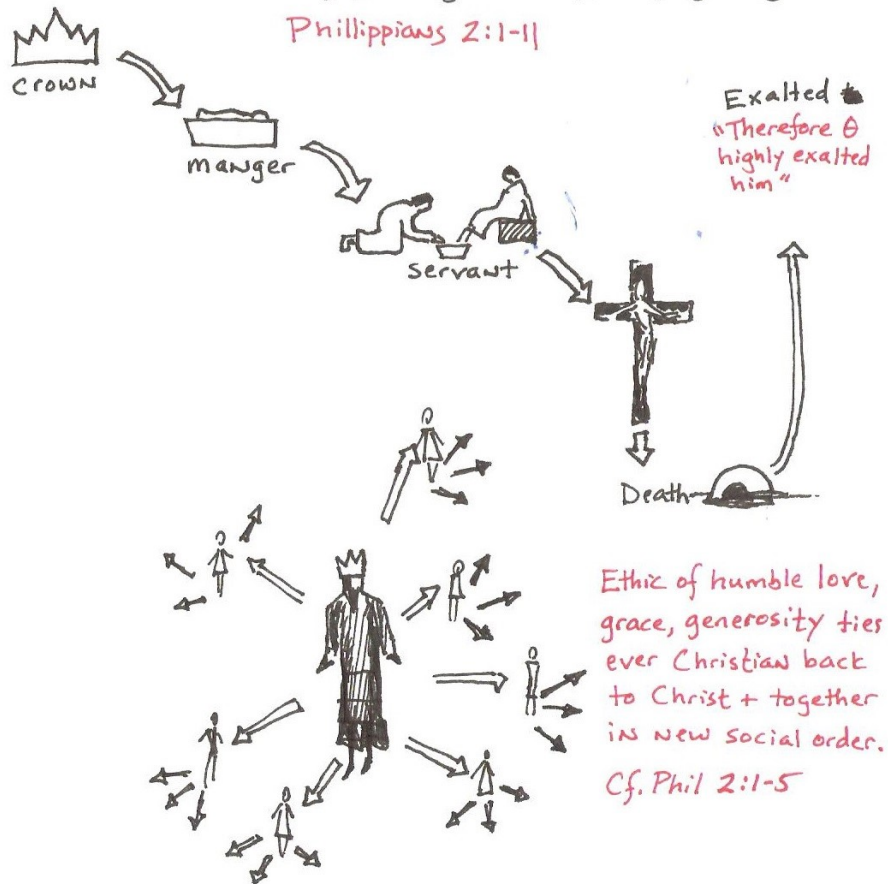


But that's not all...

2. Jesus reconstitutes the people of Θ around himself creating a whole new social order and ethic of grace, generosity, self-giving



3. Jesus revolutionizes our motivations + practices

☑ Motivation = X'tians humility via cross and secure hope for exaltation in Heaven give powerful identity of grace, humility here

☑ Practices commanded (12-14)... You?

SCRIPTURE READING (CON'T)

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GIVING

Redeemer Offerings for 2017

January total: \$24,781

Actual YTD: \$24,781

Target YTD: \$32,500

Net Difference: \$-7,719

2017 Target Budget: \$338,000

2017 Target reflects the Session's hope for giving in 2017 based on current giving and needs. Thank you for giving so cheerfully and faithfully.

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does Jesus the prophet reveal the pervasiveness of sin in (1) religion, (2) the social order, and (3) your heart motivations and practices?
What is the nature of that sin?
2. Discuss how Jesus heals us of our sin, reconstitutes the people of God around himself and thus creates a whole new "social order" based on loving, gracious, generous humility.
3. How has Jesus' grace begun to humble you and revolutionize your motivations and practices, especially when it comes to hospitality? Where do you feel Christ the King, through His Word, is calling you to be revolutionized?

J JESUS THE PROPHET announcing the coming of the KINGDOM of Θ and, uniquely, reconstituting the people of Θ around himself 14:25ff

Dorothy Sayers

☰☰ J confronts the social order w. Kingdom of Θ AND creates a whole new social order.
Revolutionary community, not tame

Is Jesus your personal prophet? Why?

① Jesus reveals the pervasiveness of sin

☰☰ Context = Sabbath, Prominent Pharisee + Peers,
"watching him carefully," behold... a man
w. Dropsy

1. Pervasiveness of sin in religion

☑ Pharisees insatiable thirst for spiritual status, honor, recognition do to law-keeping, piety

☑ Their blindness to Θ 's Law + its call for Mercy... Jesus confronts Pharisees "soul dropsy" "Jesus responded" (vs3)

➡ Religion is the last hiding place for sin... your religion must be deconstructed!

Yes, good... I don't like religion... You need J too! 🐉

2. Pervasiveness of sin in our social order
Meals in Christ's time...

(1) used to advertise + reinforce social hierarchy
(2) created boundaries of the insider/outsider

☞ (3) tied people into an "ethic of reciprocity"
Examples today... contrasted w =
Jesus porous boundaries, humility, inclusion

See how sin might pervade our social order?

3. Pervasiveness of sin in your ♥ motivations and exclusionary hospitality practices

☑ See your soul's thirst for honor

☑ See your soul's tie to ethic of reciprocity

Answer = You need Jesus as your personal prophet bc he will reveal pervasiveness of sin to you... MORE

② Jesus our PROPHET heals us of our sin, reconstitutes the people of Θ around himself in a new social order, and revolutionizes our motivations + practices.

1. Jesus heals us of our sin

☰☰ J heals man w dropsy + offers Pharisee repentance + new life ➤ Θ 's blessing (vs. 14)

What kind of healing?

= Of our pride! Soul Dropsy

✝ At foot of cross all alike are brought low - sinners - sick + well, religious + secular, etc. All need the Mercy + Healing Grace of J