

## Philippians 2:5-11 Discussion Guide

### General Discussion Questions:

- What statement or illustration from the message stuck out to you and why?
- What attributes of God were on display in the passage?
- What encouraged you?
- What point of action/application did you walk away with?

### Topics for Discussion:

- The Gospel
- The Incarnation
- The Deity of Christ
- Humility
- Unity

### Discussion Questions:

? - How does this passage serve as the perfect illustration for Paul's instructions in Philippians 2:3-4?

? - In Philippians 2:6, Paul began by affirming that Jesus Christ is God. How does this relate to the main point of the passage? How do doctrine & practice intersect in this passage?

? - As a group, make a quick list of other Doctrinal truths have had a profoundly practical/personal impact on your life.

? - Discuss & Defend the Deity of Christ. What passages would you go to to support your belief that Jesus is God?

? When Christ emptied Himself, did He stop being God? Why or why not?

? What DID Christ give up when He emptied Himself?

? When Christ emptied Himself, what did He take on (Phil. 2:7)?

? Was Jesus Christ truly a man? Why or why not?

? - How far did the humility and obedience of Christ extend (Phil. 2:8)?

? - In this passage, the great theological truths regarding Christ serve as an example of the humble attitude each believer should have. Discuss what you know about pride & humility from God's word.

? Why is humility so important in the church? What happens when it is not present?

? Why is humility so hard for us? What have you done (or can you do) to help you grow in humility?

? discuss the Humility Test included below:

? According to Philippians 2:9-11 How did the Father answer Jesus' prayer from John 17:4-5?

**Humility Test** - from "Preparing for Eternity" by Tom Watson

*In each of the following, check the one which best applies to you.*

- See others' failures or See Your failures
- Quick to blame others or Quick to take responsibility
- Compare yourself to others or Compare yourself to God
- No real change needed in your life or Much change is needed
- Concerned with your reputation or Concerned with God's reputation
- Difficult to share with others or Looking for ways to help others
- Remorseful over your sin or Repentant over your sin
- Time and talents esteem only you or Time and talents esteem others
- Must prove you are right or Yielding of your rights
- Desire to be served or Motivated to serve others
- Deserve all that you have or Deserve nothing
- Confident in what you know or Realize you have much to learn
- Trust in yourself or Trust in God