



Advent-Give Him the Glory

Community Group Study Guide: Philippians 2:1-11 – Week of January 1st, 2023

1. He is Exalted

God has highly exalted Jesus, and has done this because of what Jesus has accomplished. Jesus completely and totally submitted himself to the will of God, even to the point of death. Isaiah 52 tells us that His obedience lead him to be physically marred to the point where he was unrecognizable. The Lamb who was slain is worthy because of His obedience to the Father. In response to Christ's humility and submission, God has lifted Him up. God's response was to over exalt Christ, to exalt Him beyond comprehension. As we look upon what Christ has done, we ought to desire to imitate Him. Each one of us is called to fully submit our lives to God. Everything we have, all our spheres of influence are either in submission to Christ, or not. We ought to strive to follow Christ example of total submission. As we do this, we trust in the faithful promise of God. He promises that those who humble themselves, He will lift up.

2. Bow and Confess

If we see that Jesus is highly exalted, and that He is perfect and glorious, our correct response to Him is to bow and confess. It is an acknowledgement of who we are, and who He is. We look to Christ, who has through His work redeemed us from our sin. We therefore freely confess those sin and repent. We live lives no longer subjected to our authority, but to His. Because of what Christ has accomplished, we also have been given the Holy Spirit. This is the power of Christ in us, so that through His strength we can accomplish all that He has commanded us to do. We do all this because He is worthy of such obedience. We love and glorify God by humbling ourselves before Him.

3. Give Him the Glory

Our goal as Christians is to worship and glorify God. God has sent His Son to pay the penalty for our trespasses, and has raised Him up from the dead to conquer death. When we confess that Jesus is Lord, when we bow before Him in proper humility, we glorify God. Praise God!

DISCUSSION GOALS

Head

Jesus lived a life in total submission to the will of the Father. He did this to the point of an excruciating death on the cross. God was faithful, and in response to Jesus obedience, He has exalted Him beyond all things.

Heart

We are to be moved by the act of love by Christ for us, and by Gods faithfulness to those who are humble. We should respond by bowing before the Lord, and confessing to Him.

Hands

We are to submit our entire lives to Christ. This includes our hearts, minds, and actions. We now look at everything we have and do as a chance to glorify Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership 101-- January 22
@ 1pm

Read Philippians 2:1-11

1. Tyler mentioned at the very begin of the sermon that we as humans all know how to worship. Where in life do we see people worshipping, even if they would not call it such? Where do you/Where have you struggled in worshipping something that is unworthy of your worship?
2. **Read Isaiah 52:13-15** In this passage describing Jesus, what is meant by “my servant shall act wisely?” What other aspects of story of Christ are present in this prophetic passage?
3. God has complete and total authority over heaven and earth, and He has given this authority to Jesus (Matt 28). Yet, we see around us a world that seems to be missing that authority. We see pain and suffering.... As Christians, how do we respond to a world that is under the authority of God, yet often still seems to bare all the marks of the influence of sin? (Hebrews 2)
4. What area of life do you find it challenging to subject to the authority of Christ? How are you equipping yourself to fight that battle?
5. **Read James 4:6-10** How should we respond to this verse? What is the promise from God, and how can we be encouraged from it?
6. How do we encourage humility in our hearts? How does focusing on Christ produce humility in us? How is our understanding of our own sin tied to understanding the exaltation and love of Christ? How does one influence the other?
7. How does confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord bring glory to God?