

SUNDAY RECAP

Sunday was the finale of our ***Living on Mission series!*** For the past 6 weeks, we've been focusing on our mission of **connecting people to the transforming power of Jesus!** On Sunday we anchored in Philippians 2:5-8. Before you begin, take a moment together to pause and invite the Holy Spirit to guide hearts and conversations.

OPTIONAL ICEBREAKER: When you hear the word power, what images or ideas come to mind? Where do you usually see power on display in our culture?

KEY PASSAGE: Philippians 2:5-11 - Read Philippians 2:1-11 to get a fuller context of the passage.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Verse 5 calls us to have the same mindset, posture, or disposition as Christ. What stands out to you about Jesus' posture in verses 6-8?
2. Jesus did not use his power for his own advantage but emptied himself. Where do you see the temptation in your own life to grasp, leverage, or protect your position instead of pouring yourself out?
3. The sermon contrasted Adam's grasping with Jesus' self-giving. How does this reshape your understanding of what it means to be "like God"?
4. The transforming power of Jesus is described as cruciform (cross-shaped). How is this different from how power is usually defined in our world? How does understanding the cross as the clearest revelation of God's love change how you trust God in suffering, humility, or loss?
5. The "J Curve" (life → death → resurrection → exaltation) is presented as both the story of Jesus and the ongoing pattern of Christian life.
As we approach the season of Lent, where do you sense God inviting you into a "dying" that leads to deeper life?

Stories of Transformation: Throughout this series, we've been hearing personal stories of transformation from members of the vision team and elders. Consider these questions in the coming weeks...

- As you've listened to stories shared, what has stood out to you?
- Where can you see that God has been at work forming you?
- If someone asked you, "How has Jesus changed you?" how would you begin to answer?

Practice Sharing: If time allows, invite someone in the group to share a testimony of their own transformation (or plan to share at a future meeting).

- Reflect on where transformation has happened (or is happening) in your life
- Share by starting with "One way I see Jesus forming me is"

Group Prayer Time: Share any personal requests before praying together. Pray for personal transformation into Christ's likeness, and for the group to embody the mindset of Jesus.

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MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE

Fair Oaks Church Sermon Podcast (Apple Podcasts & Spotify) to listen to just the message. Check out **Cutting Room Floor** episodes that further unpack sermons and stories of transformation.

UPCOMING EVENTS Learn more at fairoaks.church/events

- 2/11: **Hope Gathering for Widows** | 6-8p | Dinner & Fellowship | FLC
- 2/13: **Food Distribution at FO/OV Food Bank** | 9a-12:30p | Volunteers Needed | Sign up at fairoaks.church/events
- 2/15-2/22 **WINTER GUEST HOUSE** | Volunteers Needed to help us host unhoused neighbors through HART Organization | Sign up at fairoaks.church/events
- 2/18: **Ash Wednesday** | Self-guided prayer & ashes | 7-8:30a, 12-1:30p, 5-6:30p
- 2/20: **Young Adults Movie Night** | 7-10p | Fair Oaks Church
- 2/22: **Partnership Track** | 12-4p | Lunch Provided | RSVP by 2/19
- 2/22: **Re|Engage Marriage Preview Night** | 6pm | Childcare Available w/ RSVP

