

# **The Mindset of Christ**

## **A Bible Study on Philippians 2:5**

### **Key Scripture**

#### **Philippians 2:5 (NIV)**

*"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus."*

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### **Theme**

#### **The Mindset of Christ**

#### **Short Explanation**

Jesus modeled humility, mercy, and selfless service. Believers are called to adopt His attitude and reflect His character in their daily lives.

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### **Opening Questions**

- When you hear the phrase "mindset," what comes to mind?
- How do our thoughts influence our actions?
- Why is it sometimes difficult to put others before ourselves?

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## **Background**

The church in Philippi was a healthy church, but Paul understood that unity could only be maintained through humility. Before describing Jesus' sacrifice and obedience in Philippians 2:6-11, Paul gives a simple command: believers should think like Christ.

The Christian life is not simply about changing behavior. It begins with a transformed mind and heart.

Jesus demonstrated what true humility looks like by willingly serving others and ultimately giving His life on the cross.

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### **1. Christ's Mindset Was Humble**

#### **Philippians 2:5-8**

Jesus possessed all the glory of heaven, yet He willingly humbled Himself.

Rather than demanding His rights, He chose the path of servanthood.

Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less and considering the needs of others.

## **Biblical Example**

### **Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet**

#### **John 13:1-17**

The Creator of the universe knelt before His followers and performed the work of a servant.

He showed that greatness in God's Kingdom comes through serving.

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. How does our culture define greatness?
2. How does Jesus redefine greatness?
3. What are practical ways we can serve others this week?

#### **Fill in the Blank**

Jesus demonstrated true \_\_\_\_\_ through His willingness to serve.

**Answer:** humility

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## **2. Christ's Mindset Was Merciful**

### **Luke 23:34**

*"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."*

Even while suffering on the cross, Jesus extended mercy to those who crucified Him.

Mercy means showing compassion when punishment could be deserved.

Jesus continually responded to sinners, failures, and broken people with grace.

## **Biblical Example**

### **The Woman Caught in Adultery**

#### **John 8:1-11**

Jesus did not excuse sin, but He offered forgiveness and a path toward restoration.

His mercy changed lives.

## **Discussion Questions**

1. Why is mercy often difficult to show?
2. How has Jesus shown mercy to you?
3. Is there someone in your life who needs your forgiveness?

## **Fill in the Blank**

Jesus responded to people with \_\_\_\_\_ instead of condemnation.

**Answer:** mercy

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### **3. Christ's Mindset Was Obedient**

#### **Philippians 2:8**

*"He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!"*

Jesus consistently chose obedience to the Father.

He obeyed even when it involved sacrifice, suffering, and rejection.

Many people obey when it is convenient. Jesus obeyed when it was costly.

#### **Biblical Example**

##### **Jesus in the Garden**

##### **Luke 22:42**

*"Not my will, but Yours be done."*

Before the cross, Jesus surrendered completely to the Father's plan.

## Discussion Questions

1. Why is obedience challenging at times?
2. What area of your life requires greater obedience?
3. How can Jesus' example encourage us when following God is difficult?

## Fill in the Blank

Jesus chose the Father's \_\_\_\_\_ over His own comfort.

**Answer:** will

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## 4. Christ's Mindset Put Others First

### Philippians 2:3-4

Paul teaches believers to value others above themselves.

Jesus constantly focused on the needs of others:

- He healed the sick.
- He fed the hungry.
- He comforted the hurting.
- He taught the lost.
- He gave His life for sinners.

The mindset of Christ moves us from self-centered living to servant-hearted living.

## **Biblical Example**

### **Feeding the Five Thousand**

#### **Matthew 14:13-21**

Even when tired, Jesus had compassion on the crowd and met their needs.

## **Discussion Questions**

1. What keeps us focused on ourselves?
2. How can we become more aware of others' needs?
3. What opportunities do you have to serve someone this week?

## **Fill in the Blank**

The mindset of Christ places \_\_\_\_\_ before self.

**Answer:** others

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## **Application**

This week, ask yourself:

- How can I demonstrate humility?
- Who needs mercy from me?
- Where is God calling me to obedience?
- How can I serve someone without expecting anything in return?

Pray each morning:

*"Lord, help me think like Jesus today. Give me a humble heart, a merciful spirit, and a willingness to serve others."*

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## **Key Takeaway**

**The mindset of Christ is marked by humility, mercy, obedience, and selfless love. When we allow His attitude to shape our hearts, we become better representatives of Jesus in our homes, workplaces, churches, and communities.**

## **Memory Verse**

### **Philippians 2:5**

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