

### **Philippians 2:1-11 English Standard Version (ESV)**

**1** So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, **2** complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. **5** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7** but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **9** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### ***Discussion/Journal Questions***

How have your reactions to the news and politics changed over the last few weeks? Have you been able to respond with more civility and dignity?

In the sermon, John defined humility as “There is nothing and no one beneath me.” Reflect on that definition for a moment. How does this definition compare or contrast with your understanding of humility?

How do you respond to the idea that God is the most humble being?

Read Philippians 2:1-11. Read this passage 2 or 3 times, slowly. What words or phrases stand out to you?

How does Jesus model humility for us?

Honesty time! What are some tasks or who are some people that you believe are beneath you?

“Where you stand depends on where you sit.” How has your personal experience or upbringing formed some of your personal or political views? Why is it important to acknowledge this?

Who in your circles might God be calling you to humbly love and serve? What specific act can you do to serve that person? How can your group encourage you?

**Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?**

**Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?**

**Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?**