

Community Group Guide

Phillipians Week 5

“Thinking of Yourself Less”

Week of May 17

Check-in

1. What lessons did you learn from your time in the Word this week?
2. What has God done in your life that's encouraging over the past 2 weeks?
3. Who did you share the gospel with?
4. What progress have you made in combating selfish ambition with service?

Scripture

Read *Phillipians 2:5-11*

Key Points From Message

- Humility isn't an action, it is an attitude where you regard others above yourself.
- Jesus didn't leverage his status, He laid down his status.
- Humility:
 - a. We have the perfect example of humility in Christ
 - b. We have the motivation for being humble in Christ
- The way we adopt the same attitude as Jesus is by meditating on the work of Jesus

Other scripture referenced: *John 3:16; Romans 8:16-17; Luke 18:14*

Discipleship Group Framework

D-group discussions in smaller gender-specific groups help to reveal our blind spots to sin. If this week is a D-group week, the discussions should be focused on confession of sin, providing accountability, and encouraging each other to live in the gospel. Focus on the questions under the “Discover” section and how this week's Scripture relates to our lives.

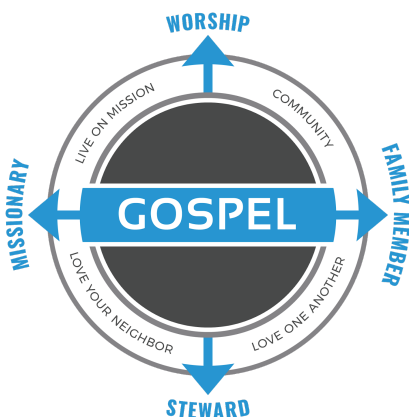


Image Church Core Values

When the gospel defines our lives it should impact everything we do. Living by the gospel should cause us to:

- Grow towards God through daily worship
- Love one another by gathering as family members
- Mobilize as missionaries for God's kingdom
- Be more generous stewards as we leverage our time, talents, and treasures for Christ.

As we study and discuss the text from this week evaluate how you can grow in each of these four areas.

Discover

1. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
2. What does the text say about the character and nature of God?
3. What does the text say about the work of God?
4. What does the text say about our identity?
5. How does this change the way we live?

Deepen

1. What challenged you about this week's message?
2. Are you still in awe of the gospel or have you become numb to it? How can you remind yourself daily of the humility of Jesus?
3. How can you leverage your time, talents, and treasures to consider the needs of others?
4. Where do you find yourself judging or looking down on others? How can you intentionally engage people in these areas?

Action Step

Have you completely surrendered yourself to Christ? In what areas do you have trouble letting go and making yourself less than others for the sake of the gospel. Discuss these areas with your community group. What are some ways to remind yourself daily of the example and motivation we have to be humble in Christ.

For next week read *Philippians 2:12-18*

Missions Focus: Local Food Pantries**Must Ministries**

Must Ministries is a local organization founded in 1971 with the mission of being a servant leader for the communities in Marietta, Smyrna, Canton, and Cherokee County. Must Ministries helps to connect those who have a desire to help with those who need help the most. With the school closings, Must Ministries is collecting food to help feed at-risk students and their families. For more information go to mustministries.org.

Mosaic Church

Mosaic Church is a member of the SBC and the main food distribution point for local schools in the West Cobb area. They are currently collecting non-perishable food donations for the 1500 families that they serve. Donations can be dropped off at Mosaic Church (1528 Austell Rd, Marietta, Ga 30008) Mon-Thur from 9am-4pm. Go to <http://www.mosaicmarietta.org/covid19.html> for more information or to sign up to help pack boxes/monitor the computer lab for kids who are out of school.

Fair Oaks Elementary School

Fair Oaks Elementary School is one of the schools we have partnered with. They are currently in need of non-perishable food items (spaghetti, ramen, mac & cheese; foods that only need water and a microwave), diapers, and baby formula/food. Donations can be dropped off at Fair Oaks between 10am-noon (407 Barber Rd, Marietta, Ga 30060).

Go to <https://www.imageatl.com/covid19/serve/> for more information.

Prayer

Father, thank you for humbling yourself by dying on the cross in our place. Help us to follow your example of service and to regard others higher than ourselves. Thank you for giving us your Word so we can reflect on the example you set for us.

Memory Verse

“I know how to make do with little, and I know how to make do with a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content--whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me.”

-Philippians 4:12-13 (CSB)
