



Scriptures for further study

Acts 15:36 – 16:40

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Philippians 2:1-18

1. In verses 1-4, how do the actions Paul identified build unity with other believers? How do the actions Paul told his readers to avoid work against unity? In what ways do uniformity and unity differ? How can one tell the difference between uniformity and unity?
2. How are you contributing to the unity of Center Grove? In what additional ways can you build unity within this church and with other believers?
3. Why is it hard for you to consider others as more important than yourself? Is there one area of your life where you particularly struggle with this? Why do you think you struggle in that area? Often, it's the relationships closest to us (our spouses, kids, parents, etc.) in which we most struggle to think of ourselves second. Why do you think that is? What do we show we believe about God when we are willing to put others first?
4. What are your initial reactions to verses 5-11? Notice how Jesus did not empty Himself by losing His divinity but by taking on the form of a servant. How would you explain the magnitude of Jesus' humility? How does experiencing the work of Jesus on our behalf make us humble people? Explain why a proud life is the antithesis of the Christian life.
5. In verses 9-11, to become a Christian we must confess Jesus is Lord. How does that truth work humility in us? Jesus was exalted by way of humility. What stops us from thinking, "Well, if humility brings exaltation, then I will become humble so I can be honored"? What is the difference between true humility and pride dressed up as humility?
6. How do we live obediently to God, according to verses 12-18? What is the difference between working out your salvation and working for your salvation? Why is there no place for arrogance and pride in a believer who is working out his or her salvation? Why are complaining and arguing so harmful to the church and its witness to the world? In what ways should a Christian be different from the world?
7. In what ways is your life described in verses 1-18? What would living the "YES!" life look like if you patterned your life like these verses?