



Discussion Guide

March 22

Philippians 2:1-11

¹Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Read Philippians 2:1-4

1. What kinds of spiritual blessings does Paul point to in verse 1?
2. Why does Paul connect unity so closely with humility?

3. What makes valuing others above ourselves difficult?

4. What would it look like to genuinely look to the interests of others in everyday life? Who in your life has done that for you?

Read Philippians 2:5-8

5. What stands out to you about the way Jesus uses (or refuses to use) His power?

6. How does Jesus redefine greatness through his humility and obedience?

7. In what areas of life might God be inviting us to adopt the mindset of Christ? In what ways is this difficult for you?

Read Philippians 2:9-11

8. How does God respond to Jesus' humility?

9. What do these verses teach us about Jesus' ultimate authority?

10. How might the certainty of Christ's exaltation shape the way we live now?