



**MONTEREY  
CHURCH**  
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## **SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY DISCUSSION GUIDE**

### **Announcements / Upcoming Events**

- *Save the Date:* Connect Sunday & Potluck, 9/14 after Service!

**WELCOME** Who was the “apostle Paul” in your spiritual life? Who introduced you to Christ and cared about your spiritual growth?

**WORSHIP** **They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love - Jars of Clay**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gtMqYAgr6Og>

**WORD** *Message Title: “Humility” (Philippians: Staying Strong in the Spirit!)*  
by Pastor Bryan James, 8/17/2025

*Scripture:* Philippians 2; John 15:12-13

1. What part of the message or passage stood out to you most? Why?
2. *Read through Philippians 2:1-4.* Describe humility. How does “humility” strengthen the Body of Christ? What is the opposite? How does that weaken us?
3. *Read verses 5-11.* What is one way you can imitate Christ’s humility this coming week?
4. *Read verses 12-18.* What does it mean to work out your salvation? What is God’s responsibility and what is ours for achieving God’s good purpose?
5. What task is most difficult for you to do without complaining or arguing? What is Paul’s instruction for how to overcome this struggle?
6. *Read verses 19-28.* What are some words that describe Timothy and Epaphroditus?
7. Who is someone you know that models humble service to others? What service do you feel God has called you to do for His kingdom?

**WITNESS** *Read John 15:12-13.* Think of testimonies when someone in the family of God showed love and care for you. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to opportunities to share the goodness of God through acts of love shown to you through His people. The world will know us by our love for one another.

**CLOSING PRAYER & INTERCESSION** Take time to share prayer requests and pray for one another. Encourage your group to wait on God, allow time and space for him to speak as you pray for one another.