

Philippians 2:5-11
Think With The Mind of Christ
Rootwork

1. **(Everyday)** Before you begin your study time - spend time in prayer! Go through your “yesterday” and ask the Lord to reveal your heart! Prepare your heart and surrender your will to the Spirit of God! Allow Him to have full access by not withholding anything He wants to do in and then do through you!! Make a conscious effort to bow your will and your obedience to the Lord before you even dive in! This prepares your heart to hear and to heed everything He speaks to you!

2. **(Everyday)** Then spend time in adoration and worship after you have cleansed your heart and before you dive into the scriptures!! Proclaiming who God is and adoring Him lifts our eyes up and keeps our focus on what really matters...putting God in His rightful place and putting us in ours! Remember, the enemy is going to try to keep you from being in the Word, he hates when we worship our God- Worship breaks his bondages over believers, so submit to God, resist him and he will flee!!

3. If you were at the “Digging Deeper Workshop” and you would like to structure these scriptures, Copy and paste Philippians 2 into a word/ pages document or write it out verse by verse, following the structuring handouts you received!(if you have not done so already) If you were not there and want to watch it, search “Digging Deeper” on our website or app and watch it for tools to help you in your study time!

4. **(Everyday)** After you finish your Rootwork every day, be sure to spend time in prayer (ACTS) going through what you have learned and received from the Word of God! This is also in your “Digging Deeper” handout!
5. Before we begin, review the first 4 verses of chapter 2. What stuck out to you the most? What part was the most impactful for you personally?
6. Read Philippians 2:1-11 together! Take a minute and write out a summary of what Paul is talking about here. Why did he write these 11 verses?
7. Read Philippians. 2:5-11 and highlight or mark any repeated words, or any words that stick out to you. Get your Blue Letter Bible app (BLB) out and look up any words you would like further insight on. Write their definitions and how they bring more light on what you are reading in our text! (If you have any questions on how to use the BLB app, please email me or talk to me at any service times)
8. Let’s look at verse 5, what is Paul saying here? How does verse 5-8 specifically show us a perfect example of unity?
9. If you did not look up “have” or “attitude” please do that now! What does “have” imply?
10. Take a minute and look up any verses where the phrase, “have this attitude” or “phroneō” in the original language is repeated. In order to do that, look at the phrase in your interlinear concordance in your BLB app. Once you look this up, you can scroll down to the bottom and you will see all the verses where this word or phrase is used. Write them out and record how they bring deeper insight to what Paul is saying here? (Here are a few we covered in Bible study)

- Matt 16:23
- Romans 8:5
- Phil. 2:2
- Colossians 3:2

11. So as you think through these verses, what have you learned about the mind of Christ? Where is His mind set?
12. How do you think with His thoughts, His perspective, His attitude, His ways?
13. In Bible study we talked about the role, the mission, and the perspective of Christ! There are obviously a lot more we could add to each category but I tried to boil it down to the main points for simplicity! For each one, spend some time searching through scripture. Find verses that demonstrate these attributes in Christ! I have some verses listed, but please take this deeper, look up as many verses as you can find that display these in Christ!

- His Role

1. Bring Glory to the Father
2. Bring Sinners to the Cross (He became the sacrificial Lamb and he substitutionally atonement for our sins on the cross)

- His Mission

1. Seek and Save that which is lost - Luke 19:10
2. Make disciples - Matt 28:18-20

- His perspective
 1. Compassionate
 2. Humility
 3. Obedience
 4. Dependence on God the Father

14. Now look at each attribute again, what is your role, your mission, and your perspective as a Christ follower? Can you see the beautiful example Christ gave us to live as He lived, with the same ambitions? Same heart and attitude?
15. So how are you doing? Look at your life and if you were someone from the outside looking in, by observation, what would say your role, mission, and perspective is? Write it out!
16. What needs to change?
17. We looked at Christ in snapshot, now let's look at what we have been given because we are in Christ! We can not, in our own strength, measure up to the example of Christ, nor have the mind of Christ, but we were never called to walk these out on our own!! Read 1 Cor. 2:4-16 slowly. What resources are given to us to help us have His mind and walk out the wisdom of His Word? (If you have time, look up as many verses as you can to find other examples of resources we are given by being in Christ)
18. We covered 5 points on what is given to us as believers in 1 Cor. 2:4-16. What do we have by being born again? List the 5 truths you discover through these verses and what you learn about the mind of Christ from each! (If needed, review your notes or the video)

19. So if we are given the mind of Christ at conversion, through the Spirit of God, why do we need to choose to think with the mind of Christ, or choose to “set our minds” on things above?
20. Read Philippians 2:6, look up every word in your BLB app. (if you have not already done so) Write out their meanings and how they give further insight into this verse! Pay special attention to the words “existed”, and “form” what do they mean and why are they so important?
21. What does verse 6 tell you about Jesus? Write this in your Who is God journal.
22. Read the following verses and what they say about Jesus! Please take your time here. After you are done looking up these verses, spend time looking up any other verses that reveal the fact that Jesus was indeed God and not just a good person, prophet or example! Keep this list handy so you can use it any time you are in a conversation with someone who denies the fact that Jesus is God! (Don’t forget to add these in your Who is God journal)
- Colossians 1:15-20 - be sure to write out each attribute of Christ! These verses are SO rich and SO beautiful! Use these in your time of adoration to the Lord!!
 - Hebrews 1:3
 - John 1:1-2, 14
 - John 14:9
 - John 4:25-26
 - John 17:5

23. Jesus had every right to claim His Deity privileges, but what does the second part of verse 6 say?
24. To get to the cross, Jesus would have to lay aside His Deity privileges, to go from being supreme Almighty Creator, to suffer and die a criminals death, all the while having formed and created the very tree He would die on!! Oh how we need to think with the mind of Christ - a submitted mind!! We are so naturally bent on maintaining and validating our rights!! What kind of love is this? How does this demonstrate true humility? What kind of mind are you thinking with?
25. Read verse 7 of Philippians 2. Again, look up all the words in this verse in your BLB app. What do you see for the word “emptied”?
26. We have covered that Jesus never stopped being God when He became man, He did not empty Himself of His “Morphe” or form! He however, emptied Himself of His divine abilities! He added humanity to His nature! We see throughout scripture that everything Jesus did in His earthly ministry was done by the dependence on the Spirit of God and the obedience to the Father and not in His own strength!! Think about this for a minute! As much as our minds can grasp, is that not incredible!? Write out your thoughts and questions!
27. Read and record the following verses and then spend some time looking up more verses that demonstrate Jesus operating in the power of the Holy Spirit and dependance on the Father!! (There are many!!)
- Matt 3:13-17
 - John 5:30
 - John 5:19

- John 12:49
- John 14:10

28. Notice how many times Jesus said, I only do what My Father tells me to do, I do not speak on my own initiative, I do not judge on my own initiative, or do on my own initiative but what the Father tells Him to do. However, there is one thing Jesus says that He does on His own initiative! Read John 10:17-18 and record what you read! How beautiful of an example for us!! How does this challenge you personally?
29. We talked a great deal about the doctrine of Kenosis! The process to which Christ emptied Himself! Phil 2:7-8 is a perfect outline to that process! There are 7 steps of stripping that Christ went through, what are they? How, with each layer, did this demonstrate Christ emptying Himself?
30. Take a minute and contrast the glory Jesus had with the Father in John 17:5 with the account in Isaiah 53 and record what you find!
31. Jesus placed the eternal welfare of others above His own rights and position. Read John 15:12-13 and share how these verses relate to Philippians 2:8.
32. In verse 8 again, look up “appearance”, “humbled” and “obedient” and record each meaning! How do these definitions bring light to the meaning of this verse?
33. Read 1 Peter 5:5-6 and record how important humility is to God and our walk?

34. Read John 13:13-15, how is this an example of the humility of Christ?
35. How are you doing in the area of humility? How does this challenge you? What do you need to do with your pride so self gets out of the way of what God wants to do in you and through you?
36. Read the second part of verse 8! Obedience! Humility and obedience go hand in hand! How? Notice how Jesus BECAME obedient!
37. Read Hebrews 5:7-8 and record what you find! What do you learn from these verses about the life of Christ? Write out your thoughts on this!
38. How do you learn obedience from suffering?
39. We are not born obedient, as we all know! So how have you personally grown in your obedience to the Lord? What are some ways you still need to work on this? What hinders you from being totally submitted to the Word and the Spirit of God?
40. Read the following quotes we went over in Bible study, then record your thoughts on them. How do they encourage and challenge you?"
- "True obedience is the refusal to compromise in any regard our relationship with God, regardless of the consequences....If we cooperate with Him in loving obedience, God will manifest Himself to us, and that manifestation will be the difference between a nominal Christian life and a life radiant with the light of His face....Our Lord told His disciples that love and obedience were organically united. The final test of love is obedience." AW Tozer

41. Look at the end of verse 8, Jesus did not die just any death. What kind of death did He die? Why is this significant to the Kenosis doctrine? Read Galatians 3:13 and record your thoughts!
42. In light of what you have learned about the emptying of Christ. Read this quote from Spurgeon and record your thoughts!
- “The lower he stoops to save us, the higher we ought to lift him in our adoring reverence. Blessed be his name, he stoops, and stoops, and stoops, and, when he reaches our level, and becomes man, he still stoops, and stoops, and stoops lower and deeper yet.” Spurgeon
43. Read Matt 16:24-25 and John 12:24-26 in the light of the Kenosis of Christ! To see the emptying or the Kenosis of Jesus, to see the very way Jesus operated so we would have an example, so that we would know how to live a life that honors the Lord! So we would know how to have a mind of Christ is honestly unbelievable!! The redemption of our souls was more than we could ever grasp and to add the beauty of humility displayed through Christ is just breathtaking! This, my sweet sister in Christ, is how we can know true JOY!! Joy that has no bearing on what is going on around us but rather what is going on IN us!! We serve such an amazing God! Take a moment to praise Him by writing a prayer of thanksgiving to our Lord and Savior!
44. Think through the birth, life and death of Jesus Christ! How His life was a life of humiliation! From the moment He was conceived to the moment He was crucified and yet He never shrunk back, He never stopped and never turned to the right or the left! What does this tell you about our Savior? How does this convict and encourage you personally?

45. Jesus chose to put on a cloak of humanity and humiliation so that we might put on a cloak of righteousness! How incredible is that? Look up the following verses and record how they speak to this truth:

- 2 Corinthians 5:19-21
- Isaiah 61:10
- Romans 13:14
- Revelation 19:7-9

46. Read Philippians 2:9-11, write out the results of Kenosis from these verses!!

47. Look up any words in verse 9 that you want more insight on and record them!

48. What is in THE name of Jesus? Why is this significant?

49. Read James 4:10, what does God do when we humble ourselves?

50. Read Philippians 10-11, write the details of the three “every” that describe the exaltation of Christ!

51. Compare Isaiah 45:23 and Romans 14:11-12 to these verses!

52. Some will kneel to Him as Savior and King and some will kneel to Him as Judge! Take a minute and pray for those you know that do not know Christ as Savior and King yet!

53. Get your Who is God journal out and write out who our God is, what He has done!! Then how does who He is and what He has done define who you are and what you do?
54. End by worshipping your God! Exalting your Savior in prayer, praise and thanksgiving! We serve an amazing God!! What an honor it is to be called HIS!! 🙌