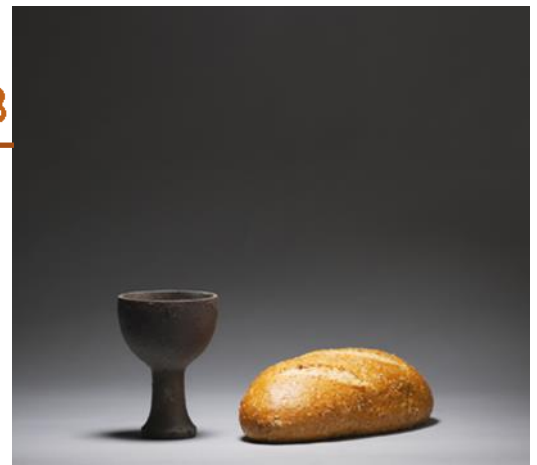


The Mind of Christ (Philippians 2:1-8)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- Verse 1 - Paul asks a number of "if" questions to the Philippian church. If there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any participation in the Spirit, if there is any affection and sympathy... The answer to these questions would be yes or no, is there or isn't there. How would you answer those questions in your own life and your own community of Christ followers? Why would you answer that way?
- Verse 2 - If the answer to these questions is, "Yes, I am experiencing these things" what are the implications? What is the aspiration of verse 2? Do you agree with the goal of verse 2? How do you pursue that goal in your own life?
- Verse 3-4 - Behaviors are motivated by mindsets. What mindsets are outlined here as appropriate and what mindsets are discouraged? How can we embrace the correct mindsets and abandon those which lead to brokenness?
- Verse 5-7 - What mindset did Jesus have when he was born in the likeness of men? There is a paradox in the incarnation of Jesus in that he became a servant but was exalted as a king. Have you experienced anything akin to that paradox in your own life? Share your story!



FAMILY QUESTIONS

- How would you describe selfishness?
- Why should we consider others more important than ourselves?

WEEKLY PRAYER

- Our Men & Women in Uniform
- Dave & Greta Shepherd, Int'l Fellowship of Evangelical Students
- Bob Kuhlow, Elder
- Josiah Rocke, Director of Operations and Connections
- Men's Ministry
- Cross Walk Church, Appleton
- Those who do not yet have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus (Col 4:2-4)

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have

Philippians 1:27-30 (ESV)