



Message Notes

Philippians 2:5b-11 NIV — ...have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature[of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5a NIV — In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset of Christ

Philippians 2:1-4 NIV — Therefore 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, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

This is the goal of the church to Paul: one mind, one spirit, one love — unity

What unites us is greater than what divides us

Disagreement is inevitable, but disunity does not have to be

Unity is accomplished through humility. Paul wasn't asking us to be theological; he was asking us to be humble

Humble yourself, and God will exalt you. Exalt yourself, and God will humble you

Discussion Questions

1. Fighting for unity in the church is an important value as a Christian. What are ways that you can prioritize unity?
2. Disagreement is inevitable, but disunity doesn't have to be. Have you ever encountered a situation with someone where a disagreement turned into disunity? How did you work through this?
3. What does it look like to love and embrace others as a follower of Christ, even when you disagree with them?
4. Pastor Landon reminded us that unity is accomplished by humility. Has there ever been a time in your life where you had to humble yourself and approach a difficult situation that ended up leading to reconciliation or unity?