

Bible Study – Philippians 2:1–18

Theme: *The Overwhelming Humility of Christ*

1. **Opening Question:** Think of a time when someone's encouragement lifted you up in a meaningful way. What did it show you about humility, selflessness, or unity in that moment?
2. **Read Philippians 2:1–4** – Paul describes the blessings believers share in Christ (encouragement, love, fellowship, compassion). How do these gifts form the foundation for humility and unity in the church?
3. Why do you think Paul emphasizes these three traits (oneness, humility, and looking to others' interests vs. 2-4)? Which one do you personally find most challenging, and why?
4. What strikes you most about the way Paul describes Jesus' humility? How does His "emptying Himself" challenge our natural instincts toward pride or self-protection?
5. ***Keller says gospel humility is not thinking less of ourselves but thinking of ourselves less.*** How does Jesus' life, death, and obedience to the cross illustrate this truth?
6. **Read Philippians 2:9–11** – How does God's exaltation of Jesus after His humiliation encourage us when humility feels costly, overlooked, or unappreciated?
7. **Read Philippians 2:12–16 – The Power of Humility** - Paul tells the Philippians to "work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you." What does this balance of our effort and God's work teach us about living humbly in community?
8. **Read Philippians 2:17–18)** - Paul says that living without grumbling and holding fast to the word makes believers shine like stars in a dark world. What's one practical way you can practice humility and encouragement this week in your family, workplace, or church community?
9. **Close In prayer**