

# BEYOND

## Beyond Ourselves

### TALK IT OVER

#### Key Scripture

<sup>3</sup>*Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;* <sup>4</sup>*do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.* <sup>5</sup>*Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,* <sup>6</sup>*who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,* <sup>7</sup>*but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.* <sup>8</sup>*Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.* <sup>9</sup>*For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,* <sup>10</sup>*so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,* <sup>11</sup>*and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Philippians 2:3-11***

**Big Idea:** Paul instructs the Philippians to conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, and to stand firm in one Spirit. He also encourages them (in the midst of their suffering) to be unified, humble, and to look out for the interests of others.

#### Key Points

- HOW YOU THINK DETERMINES WHAT YOU BECOME.
- IF YOU THINK LIKE JESUS THOUGHT, YOU'LL LIVE LIKE JESUS LIVED.

**Start Talking.** Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Pastor Dre said that we should be more others centered than self-centered. What prevents us from having His attitude?
- Can we help each other have the attitude of Christ in our city group?
- Read Phil. 2:3-4. We have many opportunities to live life with one another and care for each other: Discuss some real ways that you can help each other have the attitude of Christ in your relationship with one another.

**Start Thinking.** Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read Phil. 2:5-6. What does Paul tell us about who Jesus is?
- What does Paul mean when he says that Jesus “did not consider equality with God something to be grasped”?
- What does this say about the attitude of Jesus?

**Start Sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- What might happen if Christians stopped demanding their rights and started obeying God’s will not matter what?
- What might happen if we chose to have the attitude of Christ in all of our relationships?
- Does having the attitude of Christ revolve around our ability to choose to let go of what is rightfully ours?

**Start Doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week.

What aspects of Jesus’ attitude would you, on your own, like to work on this week? Some examples might be:

- Empty yourself of you ... become humble.
- Become more obedient to God and His will in your life.
- Allow God to be glorified in your life through everything that you do

I am choosing to humble myself by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Start Praying.** Be bold and pray with power.

Much like Paul’s partnership with the church in Philippi, we aim to plant city groups (local expressions of the church) in multiple locations yet remain connected as one church. Over the next several weeks we’d like to invite you to pray for #Expansion.

**Dinner Discussion.** In our relationships with one another, how can we have the attitude of Christ?

- Does having the attitude of Christ mean that we think less of ourselves?
- Does having the attitude of Christ revolve around our ability to choose to let go of what is rightfully ours?
- Since there was no limit to Christ’s obedience, what does that demand from us in terms of our attitude towards obedience to God?

**Don’t let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over online.**

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