

Discussion Questions

May 30 – June 5

If you missed the weekend sermon, you can find it here:

<https://www.biblechapel.org/sermons/>

1. According to Barna Group in an article published back in March, for the first time in 80 years, church membership has dropped below 50% in our country.¹ Why do you think that is? Why are people less likely today to commit to church membership and plant roots in a local church?
2. Paul, in chapter one of Philippians, mentions the word “Gospel” six times, culminating with v.27. **Read Philippians 1:27**. What does “Gospel” mean with regard to Jesus? What does it mean to “live a life worthy of the gospel of Christ”?
3. **Read Philippians 2:1-11**, first as a whole, then read again **Philippians 2:5-8**. What can we learn from Christ’s example regarding humility?
4. **Read Philippians 2:1-4**. We said this weekend: A Gospel-centered church radiates unity, humility, and is “we not me” focused. What can cause division in a local church? Give some practical examples. How can a believer develop a “we not me” approach to their brothers and sisters in Christ?
5. **Read Philippians 2:9-11**. What is Paul sharing with the Philippians in these verses? How should these verses impact our urgency to share the Gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ with unbelievers? End in prayer, asking God to lead us at TBC to be a Gospel-centered church (unity, humility, “we not me” focused)

¹ <https://news.gallup.com/poll/341963/church-membership-falls-below-majority-first-time.aspx>

Bible References

Philippians 1:27

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy^[a] 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,

Philippians 2:1-11

***2** So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,^[a] ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,^[b] ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,^[c] being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

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