

Conforming to the Image of the Son

Taking the Form of A Servant

Introduction: Priming the pump for tonight's discussion.

- Let's begin with our own observations. Was there a moment where God spoke to you, showed you something new, or reminded you of a familiar truth through the message this week?

Exploration: Questions to guide our group discussion.

- Romans 8:29 says we are called to conform to the image of the Son. Pastor JP had everyone in the congregation close their eyes and imagine an image of Jesus.
 - What were some of the images that came to your minds?
 - Why do you think that particular image came to your mind?
- Philippians 2:5-8 describes Jesus as a God who willingly gave up His authority and power and became a humble servant.
 - How does knowing this affect your view of Him?
 - How does this affect your approach to Him?
- Verses 3-5 gives us some insight on how we are to conform to the image of Jesus. *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...*
 - What are some specific ideas or narratives within our own culture that run contrary to Christ's image of *servant*.
 - With this in mind, why do you think it can be so difficult for us to "conform" to and have this mindset — a servant's mindset?
- Near the end of the teaching, Pastor JP went over the different ministries that serve on Sunday mornings. And those who serve in those areas help remind us of Jesus' goodness.
 - Were there any ministries that were listed that have helped you specifically to remember Jesus' goodness?
 - Here's a reminder of the ministries:

- Set Up/Tear Down Team
- Welcome Team
- Coffee Team
- Prayer Team
- Worship Team
- Calvary Kids Team

Additional Scriptures for Deeper Study:

- 1 Corinthians 12:12-26
- Romans 12:1-13

Application: How can I apply this to my life this week?

1. Pray and ask the Lord this week if there are any serving opportunities (ministry teams) within the church that He would like you join.
1. What are some practical ways that we can conform to the image of Jesus by serving those in our family, in our church, in our community?