



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

Aloha! Thank you for joining us this morning. If you would like to know us better, please visit the welcome table.

Nursery and Kids' Church are available. Parents, please sign-in your children at the nursery.

Food Drive today

Communion today

Please join us for our **Christmas Eve Candlelight service** on Saturday, Dec 24 at 6pm.

There will be **no worship service** on Christmas Day.

Please join us for a **New Year's Day Pancake Breakfast**. Sign ups are on the back table.

Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church

Budget Snapshot Jan thru Oct

- Budgeted - \$283,333
- Actual Giving - \$279,623

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Andrew Severinsen
Philippians 2:5-11

Big Idea: Unity through humility... Jesus our greatest example of genuine humility — *The humiliation of Christ in the social world of Roman Philippi.*

- Jesus Christ is our supreme example of true humility.

GRACE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

AN EXAMPLE, BUT MORE THAN AN EXAMPLE.

Those familiar with Philippians 2 may think of the rich Christology of Philippians 2:6–11 apart from the context and Paul’s aims in the passage. Though these verses are important for our understanding of Christ’s deity, humanity, incarnation, etc., Paul’s primary goal here is to show Jesus as the ultimate example of humility, servanthood, and sacrifice. It is “this mind” that we should have among ourselves (Phil. 2:5). So too, elsewhere in Scripture, Jesus’ life and death are an “example” to his followers (John 13:15; 1 Pet. 2:21). And yet it is crucial that Christians never begin to think of Jesus’ cross as merely an example. For those who have received his free and deep grace, gratitude and awe are never far from their minds. They cannot read words like those in Philippians 2:6–11 without remembering the servanthood and sacrifice of the cross that was on their behalf and in their place.

What does it mean?

1. How does Paul define humility? How do we see Jesus pictured in verses 5-11 as the primary example Paul uses for humility?
2. What is the relationship between Philippians 2:1–5 and Philippians 2:6–8? Why does Paul include this thorough description of Jesus’ incarnation in Philippians 2:6–8 after his call to unity and humility?
3. What does it mean that Jesus emptied Himself?
4. With all of the rich theological language of Philippians 2:6–8, Paul’s primary point may be slightly overlooked. It is a point about servanthood and service. The word “servant” (Phil. 2:7) is a good summary of this passage, tethering the rich theological language to Paul’s main point in Philippians 2:1–8. In what ways was Jesus a “servant”?
5. After unpacking Christ’s humility in the servanthood of the incarnation and the cross, Paul turns in Philippians 2:9–11 to Jesus’ subsequent exaltation. Why do you think he added that? Is Christ’s exaltation also in some way exemplary for the Philippians, or is it just a necessary completion of Christ’s personal story?
6. How is Jesus being exalted? What is the name that is above every name? What does this say about Jesus? (compare with Isaiah 45:23)

How does it apply?

1. How does the humility of Jesus empower you to serve the best interest of those that claim to treasure Christ? ... of those yet to believe? How does that get expressed?
2. What gifts or talents do you possess that cause you the greatest frustration when they aren’t recognized or valued?
3. How is humility foundational in the development and maintenance of unity?
4. Is being exalted in death a motivator in your life? Explain