



Life Group Discussion Guide
“Finding Joy in Serving” – Philippians 2:1-11
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Main thought:

Joy is found when we take on the mindset of Christ—laying down our rights, serving humbly, and living sacrificially for the sake of others.

Ice-Breaker

- What’s your favorite fast-food restaurant?
- Share something you’re thankful for and has brought you joy recently.

Questions

1. What stood out to you from Philippians 2:1-11?
2. In Philippians 2:1, Paul grounds his call for behavior change in the blessings we’ve already received in Christ. Of the things he lists—encouragement in Christ, comfort from His love, sharing in the Spirit, and tenderness and compassion—which one do you most resonate with right now, and why?
3. Verse 3 says, “Do nothing from selfish ambition or vain conceit”. What are examples of subtle forms of selfish ambition that can show up in relationships, work, church, and family?
4. How can we genuinely “value others above ourselves” without falling into people-pleasing or neglecting healthy boundaries?
5. What would change in your relationships (marriage, friendships, workplace, church) if verse 4—“look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others”—was lived out consistently?
6. How have you seen someone live out verse 4 in a positive way in your family, work, or church?
7. What stands out to you most about how Jesus humbled Himself according to verses 6–8?
8. Jesus had every right to cling to His divine privilege, but chose to serve. What does that teach us about the relationship between rights and sacrificial love?
9. Are there certain people or situations where you find it difficult to maintain a servant mindset? How does the example of Jesus encourage you to continue taking the posture of a servant, even when it feels costly or challenging?
10. Which of the three serving principles stood out to you? Why?
 - a. If **attitude** does not lead to **action**, it’s called hypocrisy.
 - b. **Serving** is not what I do. A **servant** is who I am.
 - c. **Sacrifice** for others is not a **punishment**, but a privilege given to us.

Prayer: Take some time to pray for each other.