



COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of 8/16/26

Opener (10 minutes or less)

Would you rather have a pet dragon the size of a house cat that constantly complains about the weather, or a talking pig you can ride and is the size of a horse that is always hungry?

DISCUSSION (50 minutes or less)

Begin your discussion time in prayer.

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Questions:

1. What stood out to you from the text or Sunday Sermon? What was new, challenging, or encouraging?
 2. Paul lists four “if” statements in verse 1 (encouragement, comfort, sharing in the Spirit, tenderness and compassion) as the foundation for unity. Which of these have you experienced most clearly in Christian community?
 3. How can we tell if we are operating out of selfish ambition or vain conceit? And how can we shift our mindset to that of Christ?
 4. How does Jesus challenge the way we think about status, success, and power?
 5. (vv. 9–11). How does the connection between humility and exaltation change the way you think about obedience, sacrifice, or waiting on God?
 6. How does the ultimate authority and Lordship of Jesus being recognized by all change how we think about humility, power, and his sacrifice?
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PERSONAL (30 minutes or less)

1. Oikos - the 8 to 15 people God supernaturally and strategically places in your life. Any oikos moments you would like to share..
2. What is going on in your life (note prayer requests and praise reports)
3. Pray

Philippians 2:1-11

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