

MINDSETS: THE PASSION OF A SERVANT

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY:

This week, we explore an amazing text in Philippians chapter 2. It is one of the four major passages in the New Testament that are considered the foundational texts for what is called “Christology” (the theology or academic study of Jesus Christ). The other three, traditionally, are found in John 1, Colossians 1, and Hebrews 1. Philippians gives us unique insight into what we sometimes refer to as “the passion”—which is (in Christianity) a Greek term that refers to the suffering and pain that Jesus experienced on the Cross as He died for us. In this Scripture passage, we can truly see the nature of Jesus as He lived and died on this earth, namely, His servanthood.

Key Passages: Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 2:5-11

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the “Grow” section of our study.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

KNOW: Spend some time finding out how everyone’s week has gone.

The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or “connection” activity or with questions appropriate to your context.

What is something that you are thankful for this week?

What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week?

Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

GROW: Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

Jesus became a man (a human) so that He might identify with us, encounter our struggles/temptations, and then come out on the other side perfect and sinless. Talk about what these realities mean to you personally.

Christ’s purpose on this earth was to point to God. Likewise, this should be our purpose as individuals and collectively as the Church. We must love God and love people so that others will, in turn, begin to love God and love people. Name a way this past week in which you were able to visibly live out this calling—to love God and others.

What do we learn about Jesus’ nature from these verses? How is understanding Jesus’ nature significant to His example of humility?

GO: Talk through ways you can put what you’ve learned into practice.

Pastor Brett named five attributes seen in Philippians chapter 2: 5-11 that describe what it looks like for us to have a servant mindset. They were humility, obedience, sacrifice, service, and worship. Which one or two of these are areas where you feel you may need the most growth?

When you want to get angry or argue, the first step to peace is humility. How can following Jesus’ example help you achieve that?

Jesus gave up many things to save us on the cross. Are there things that you are struggling to give up in order to live out the implications of the gospel? What is a specific aspect of being more Christ-like that you would like to improve on this week?



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