



DISCUSSION GUIDE

THIS WEEK: The Unselfish Gift - Philippians 2:5-11

GETTING STARTED

Would you agree that it's better to give than to receive? Share an example of a time it felt better to give rather than receive.

Think about the many gifts you have been given (Christmas, birthday, etc). As you think back, what has been one of the most selfless gifts someone has given?

QUESTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

- Does having the attitude of Christ mean that we think less of ourselves?
- Have you ever considered that Jesus could have come as a "demanding king" instead of as a "humble servant"? How would your response to Him be different if that was how he came?
- Jesus demonstrated his humility by his obedience. How does obedience to God demonstrate our humility as well?
- Jesus gave up the right to His rights. What does that mean and what would it look like for you to give up your right to your rights?

EXPLORE THE PASSAGE [Philippians 2:5-11]

- Why is it significant that we are given this humble mindset through Christ? (vs. 5, 1 Cor. 2:16)
- What does it mean that Jesus was in the form of God? (vs. 6, John 1:1-4)
- What do we learn about Christ's nature from these verses? (vs. 6-8)
- Though Jesus was fully God, why is it significant that Paul tells us "He did not consider equality with God something to be grasped?" (vs. 6)
- Who will ultimately bow to Jesus and confess that He is Lord? (vs. 10-11)
- What is the significance of the word "Lord" in vs 11 and why does Paul use this here? (vs. 11)

APPLICATION

- If you're being honest with yourself, how does your attitude reflect Christ's humble attitude? How would those closest to you answer this about you?
- What are some roadblocks we all face to having the humble attitude of Christ?
- Who are the most difficult people to serve that you know? This week, how can you show these people God's sacrificial, humble love?
- Take time to pray for one another.