

Joyful Servanthood

Philippians 2:1-11

Taking it Home:

1. As you consider the areas where you most need joy, what practical step could you take this week to look after someone else's best interests and bring them joy?

Prayer Concerns:

The Poison of selfish ambition

The call to selfless servanthood

Christian servants...

1. Find confidence in their _____.
2. Stay focused on the _____.
3. Pursue _____.
4. Value _____ above _____.

The example of Jesus

1. Jesus (God, the son) knew only _____.
2. Jesus _____ himself to become human.
3. Jesus _____ himself on the cross to forgive sin.
4. Jesus was _____ and is glorified as _____.

Giving Joy, not just getting

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. What is the most sacrificial thing someone has ever done for you?

Digging Deeper:

Read Philippians 2:1-11

1. Scholars point out that Paul's "if" statements could actually be translated "since." What then are some of the privileges that Christians enjoy as children of God? How do these truths shape our identity and impact the way we treat others?
2. Pastor Tim Keller describes humility not as thinking less of yourself, but as thinking of yourself less. What is the difference? How is this a better description of Christian humility?
3. Read Ephesians 4:1-6 and Philippians 2:1-4, what are the commonalities between these two passages? What is Paul's great concern? Share examples of how you have seen either unity or disunity at work in the church and the subsequent result.
4. What is the relationship between verses 1-4 and 5-11. In what ways did Jesus humble himself? What emotions does his example evoke within you? How might it stimulate you in your interactions with others?
5. Considering the relationships in your lives, share with your group the ways in which you are currently regarding others as more important than yourself. What roadblocks stand in your way?
6. Read verses 9-11. Why is it significant that Jesus was highly exalted? Who did the exalting? What, if any, expectations should we have as we pursue a humble, other's centered life?