

SERMON OUTLINE

Philippians 2:1-11

Unity through Humility

INTRODUCTION

(Verse 1-4) Be of one mind

(Verse 5) Have the mind of Christ

(Verse 6-11) The Christ Hymn, celebration of His humiliation, celebration of His exaltation

Application for us:

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of the sermon is this: We as Christians and fellow church members are called to live in unity and serve one another. This only comes through hearts that are humble. Paul calls us to have the mind of Christ. Someone who lived in glory but left to come to earth and take on the form of a servant and being in human form He humbled Himself to death, even death on a cross. We are called to live like this, to be "carpet-minded" to live in the reality that it is a privilege to be called to serve like Christ served, and to live in light of that.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What does living in unity, whether in your home, work, or at church look like to you?
3. Is it easy for you to love others and to pursue their interests above your own? Why or why not?
4. Can you think of ways that you are not looking to the interests of others and ways that you are?
5. Before the sermon if someone said to you to have the mind of Christ what would that have meant to you?
6. Have you spent time thinking about the example of Christ's humility before? What impact has that had on you?
7. God is a giver not a grasper, He gave His son that we may have salvation, the Son willingly went to the cross for us, are you a giver or a grasper? How might you give more?
8. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

9. Seek to look for opportunities to serve the body of Christ.
10. Be faithful to reading God's word, submit to it and let it be the guiding influence in your life.
11. Ask the Lord to show you any areas in your life where you are failing to live in humility.
12. Pray for your brothers and sisters at Grace that we would be a humble Christ-like people, that we would pursue the interests of others and not our own.

PRAYER POINTS

13. Adoration. Praise God for being a loving Father who is moving and directing our lives even when we don't understand.
14. Confess. Confess any areas you are failing to be obedient to the Lord and submit to Him.
15. Thanksgiving. Thank God for His provision in your life.
16. Supplication. Ask God to give you a heart that is humble and is one that is quick to see the needs of others and not the interests of yourself.