

SHIFT

TURN YOUR EYES

SERMON
STUDY

05.19.2024

Leader Corner

The Posture of Christ

Philippians 2:1-11

Main Idea: As Christians, one of the first things God convicts us of is our need of a Savior. We cannot save ourselves. Paul points to the fact that pride, conceit, or demanding demeanors have no place in the life of a Christ follower. We are all dependent on the King of the Universe who humbled Himself for us. All glory goes to Christ our Savior!

Main Practice: Humility

Main Teaching: Philippians 2:1-11

Refocus

with Praise

Together, read this poem from Soren Kierkegaard:

His not holding tightly to His equality with God—

His emptying—

His becoming a servant in body and soul—

His full entrance into humanity—

His humbling—were all of His own doing.

with

Prayer

Have someone pray for your time together, this study, and our need for genuine humility.



1. Have someone read aloud Philippians 2:1-11.
2. Discuss any insights or questions that Sunday's sermon brought to mind.
3. Paul's "if" in verse 1 is really a statement of how the shared life of Christ followers should be experienced. This is how worthy followers of Christ express their salvation in community. Discuss in light of these additional scriptures: John 3:16-17, 14:15-17, Romans 5:8-10, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, Galatians 3:14, Ephesians 1:7.
4. In verses 3-5, Paul leads us into the need for personal humility. C.S. Lewis stated that humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less. Discuss that thought, along with the following scriptures: Isaiah 66:1-2, Matthew 23:2-12, Romans 3:23-24, Colossians 3:12-13.
5. He humbled himself. Can we ever grasp the depth of this reality? What does this tell us about our God, and what implications does this have for how we live? Helpful scriptures: Mark 10:45, John 13:14-17, 2 Corinthians 8:9, Hebrews 4:15.
6. Re-read verses 9-11. What does this mean to those who have humbly put their faith in Jesus Christ? See Matthew 18:4, Mark 13:26-27, John 18:36, Ephesians 1:19-23, Revelation 17:14, 21:5-7.

Pray for each other, and for yourself, to develop deeper humility as we grow in amazement at God's grace toward us (Psalm 8:3-9).

Philippians 2:5 implores us to look to the interests of others. As a group, who is one person, or one household you can specifically bless this week? Wrestle this to the ground and create an action plan for this week.

For Further Focus

Compare and contrast the world's view of humility and our Lord's call to believers to be humble. See these scriptures: Proverbs 16:18-19, Isaiah 2:12, Jeremiah 9:23-24, Matthew 20:25-28, James 4:6.