



Gospel Community Study Questions

Philippians | Grow in Humility (Philippians 1:1-11)

Key Passage: Philippians 2:1-11 (Page 980)

The example of Christ's humility, seen in his lie and death, leads His community away from selfish ambition and towards loving, joyful humility towards each other.

Read

Read Philippians 2:1-11.

Discuss

Paul starts Chapter 2 saying that what is to come will be for the encouragement of the church. Discuss what encouragement these verses bring to you.

'Self esteem' is seen by many as a route to joy and satisfaction. On the other side, self elevation are seen by many as a route to happiness. How can such thinking be counter-productive and even destructive?

We heard on Sunday that some of the words in verse 3 can be translated 'vain glory'. How do you see vain glory in our own lives and how does Jesus' example seen in this passage challenge is to think differently about ourselves?

We find Paul's big aim for the Philippians in this section clearly in verse 2; he wants them to look to the example of Jesus and to use what they see to solidify their unity. Discuss how Jesus' humility and exaltation can help us grow in our unity together at Liberti Church.

A life of humility runs contrary to the culture we live in. What can we do to help each other grow in humility, knowing that it is a better way for us to live?

Pray

Spend some time praying for each other, that God would grow our love for him and each other and as a result bring about a greater unity amongst us. Give thanks for each other, specifically by name as a way of demonstrating our love for each other.

Memorise

Try and memorise verses 9-11 as a regular prayer that you can pray for each other.

What's next

Next week we'll be studying chapter 2:12-18, looking at how Christ's community stand out in the world we live in.

Helpful resources: Christ Centred exposition - Philippians (by Tony Merida)
thebibleproject.com