



## Week 5

**Series:** Glorify God. Proclaim Christ. Make Disciples.

**Sermon Title:** Christ the Humble Servant

**Sermon Text:** Philippians 2:5-11

**Group Week of:** January 28, 2024

**Sermon Date:** February 4, 2024

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Humility & Service – Philippians 2:1-4
Day 2	God the Son – Colossians 1:15-20
Day 3	Obedience to the Father – Heb 10:5-10
Day 4	Sacrifice Rewarded – Isaiah 53:7-12
Day 5	Humility to Glory – Revelation 1:7-18

### The Text: Philippians 2:5-11

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Observe everything.** Use pens and highlighters to mark the text. Come up with your own system of symbols, underlines, arrows, highlights, and notes, that will *help you understand and apply*. Only do what is helpful.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.

<sup>5</sup>In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be

used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is

Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

### Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) that you see Jesus teaching to His disciples (us) through this text?
- 2) What does Paul want us to adopt in this text?
- 3) Describe the mindset of Christ in this text.

## Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) How would you define the following words?
  - a. Humility
  
  
  - b. Servanthood
  
- 2) Write down the three major reasons for the existence of relational conflict in your life below, and think of an example that demonstrates the connection between the reason and the conflict:
  - a. Reason / Connection 1:
  
  
  
  
  - b. Reason / Connection 2:
  
  
  
  
  - c. Reason / Connection 3:
  
- 3) Jesus' mindset, or way thinking is both the epitome and perfection of humility and servanthood. Above, you described His mindset. When you think about adopting the mindset of Jesus Christ, what aspect is the most challenging? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) Look at your reasons for conflict above. Do any of these have to do with your mindset? How would adopting Christ's mindset affect the conflicts you wrote about? Remember that even Jesus had conflict with people, so adopting His way of thinking will not get rid of all conflict, but it will change the way we experience conflict.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) When Jesus takes on the nature of a servant and endures the shame and agony of death on a cross, He lives out the greatest possible experience of servanthood and humility. For this, God exalts Him to the highest place and gives Him the name above every name. Apply this to someone struggling with the fear of being taken advantage of when they become a servant to others. How can that person be encouraged by Jesus' way of thinking and God's promise of exaltation? (See 1 Peter 5:6)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) Adopting the mindset of Christ requires that we be transformed in our minds by Him and that we act and actually humble ourselves while serving others. Commit to both being transformed and serving others this week. Write out any observations or revelations that came as you engaged in these two practices.