

PHILIPPIANS 2

Following Jesus' Example as we Live in Community

- 1** If you could summarize Philippians 2:1-2 into a single word or command, what would it be?

- 2** In Philippians 2:3, we read, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves." Pastor Mike shared that there is a price to be paid if we want to be connected in Jesus to others.
 - a. Are relationships worth the price of putting their needs and desires before your own?
 - b. When is it most difficult to count others as more significant than yourself?

- 3** In verse 5, we see a shift to Jesus' example for us. How does Christ's relationship with the Father alter his attitude and his willingness to consider others as greater than Himself? How can we stay connected with God to influence our own attitude and willingness to do the same?

- 4** In Philippians 2:6, we see details about the incarnation of Jesus – He lowered Himself to be born in a manger and to die as a common criminal – but was still fully God.
 - a. Read John 10:30 and then Philippians 2:6 again – how do we reconcile the differences found in these verses?
 - b. What other passages/stories in the Bible can you think of that reflect both the humanity and the divine natures of Jesus?

- 5** Philippians 2:7 illustrates the Greek word for emptying out – *ekenosis*. Jesus chose to be poured out like a pitcher of water and laid aside His divine privileges to be used by God.
 - a. Flip over and read Romans 12:1 and 2 Timothy 4:6 – how do these verses align with Philippians 2:7, and what does it look like practically to empty ourselves of pride, arrogance, and self-will to be used by God?

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