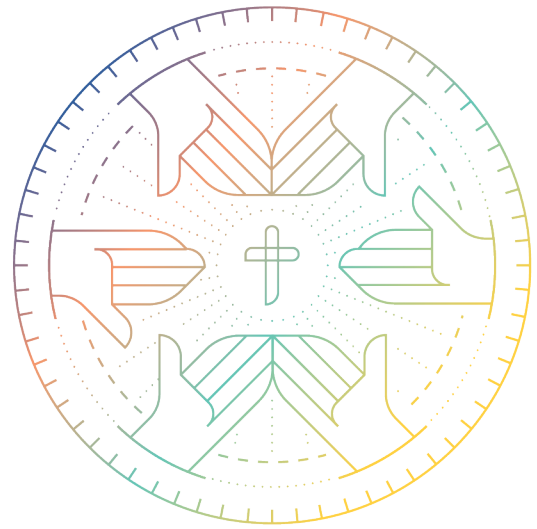


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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

_____ like Jesus: "Jesus in the Nosebleed Section"
Scripture Focus: Philippians 2:1-11

ICEBREAKER

What is one act of kindness or humility someone showed you that you have never forgotten?

Describe a time when admitting you were wrong or putting someone else first actually strengthened a relationship.

INTRODUCTION

Relationships are often tested by assumptions, unmet expectations, and pride. In Philippians 2, Paul reminds us that unity doesn't happen by accident—it requires humility. Rather than pursuing status, recognition, or being right, followers of Jesus are called to imitate Christ, who willingly gave up His position to serve others.

What stood out to you most from this week's message?

INTO THE WORD

Read Philippians 2:1–4, Romans 12:16-18, and James 3:16-18. Paul says that unity begins with humility. Why do you think pride creates so much division in relationships? What does it practically look like to "count others more significant than yourselves" in your home, workplace, or friendships? When is humility most difficult for you?

Read Philippians 2:5–8, Mark 10:42-45, and John 13:3-17. Jesus had every right to be served, yet He chose the role of a servant. What stands out to you about Christ's humility? How would our relationships change if we approached conflict by asking, "How can I serve?" instead of "How can I prove I'm right?"

Read Philippians 2:9–11, Romans 12:10, and Matthew 23:11-12. After Jesus humbled Himself, God highly exalted Him. Why do you think God consistently honors humility? What is one practical way you can "move a row back" this week and give someone else the advantage?

EMBRACE AND EMBODY

Living like Jesus means:

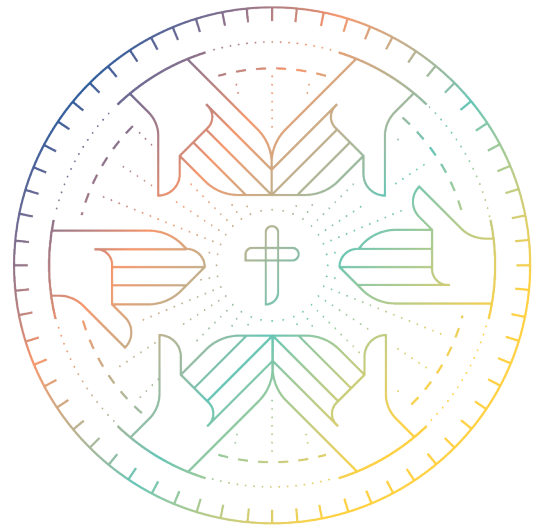
- Choosing humility over pride.
- Seeking unity instead of winning.
- Using your influence to serve others.
- Following Christ's example of sacrificial love.

As a group, discuss the following questions:

- In what relationships is God inviting you to choose humility instead of proving you're right?
- What is one area where pride quietly influences your decisions or reactions?
- If you intentionally "gave up your seat" this week, who would benefit and what might that communicate about Jesus?

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TAKE YOUR NEXT RIGHT STEP

(Prayerfully consider one of the following next steps)

- **Seek God Daily:** Read Philippians 2:1-11 each day and ask God to reveal areas where pride may be driving your decisions or conversations.
- **Build Deep Relationships:** When navigating conflict, don't look to be right. Look to be Jesus. Take the initiative to reconcile, encourage, or apologize to someone this week.
- **Live Generously:** Take time to use a skill, talent, or resource you have to bless someone.
- **Serve Others:** Find one quiet way to serve someone this week without seeking recognition.

OPTIONAL GROUP PRAYER PRACTICE

Give everyone a few moments of silence and ask them to consider this question:

"Where is pride preventing me from loving like Jesus?"

Invite each person to silently surrender that area to God. Then pray together, asking the Holy Spirit to cultivate humility, strengthen unity, and help your group reflect the servant-hearted love of Christ in every relationship.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, thank You for sending Jesus, who showed us that unity is found in humility and service. Forgive us for the times we have allowed pride to create division or place our own interests above others. Give us hearts that reflect the character of Christ, choosing unity over selfish ambition and service over recognition. Help us become people who point others to Jesus by the way we love, serve, and humble ourselves. In Jesus' name, Amen.