



INTRODUCTION

Paul instructed the Philippians about relationships worthy of the gospel, given the discord that existed within the church. God through Paul calls all Christians to follow Christ's example of humble loving service. His servant heart of selfless, humble love enables harmony to our relationships.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- Which section of the sermon did you find most challenging or encouraging?
- What did God say to you through the sermon? What are your takeaways?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Philippians 2:1-11**.
- How does Christ relate to and serve us in verse 1? Which way would you most like to experience?
- Why is our relationship with Christ foundational to our relationships?
- What actions does Christ's attitude (v2's mind) prompt Christians to take?
- How should we think of our talents, accomplishments, abilities? In what ways is comparison healthy?
- What is the definition of humility, and which part of the definition is most significant to you? Why?
- Which element of Christ's example in verses 6-11 strikes you the most, and why?
- Is Christ still a servant today? If so, how does He serve you? How does He serve as Servant-King?
- Does selfless, humble love change a relationship and if so, how?

APPLICATION

- To what extent and in what way should your daily relationship with Christ influence and empower you to follow His example? In what way does it?
- Describe your deepest human relationship. Compare and contrast it to your relationship with Christ.
- What steps do you want to take to deepen your relationship with Jesus?
- In what specific ways can you put verse 2 into action?
- Where and how does selfish ambition and empty conceit show up in your relationships?
- In what ways would a church or community group be different if everyone was a servant-leader?
- What would humble, selfless service look like in your life? In which relationships?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- Spend time praying for your relationship to Christ and to others.
- Is there any sin you should confess in light of this passage?