
CHURCH IN COMMON

COMMON MINDSET—PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

What?

Open in prayer. Pray that you can all grow in the same mindset of Christ Jesus together.

Icebreaker: Think about good leaders you have known as well as figures from history. What are the marks of an effective leader?

Read Philippians 2:5-11.

In what ways does Jesus show us what God is like in this text?

In what ways was Jesus humiliated (vs. 6-8)?

How is Jesus now exalted (vs. 9-11)?

What is the connection between these two parts? Why should the Jesus who did what verses 6-8 say he did be honored in this way?

So what?

Compare the attitude of Christ in this passage with the typical attitude of worldly leaders. Where are they similar or different?

How does your perspective on the world change when you consider that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord (vs. 10-11)?

How does this poem fit with and emphasize what Paul said in the first part of Philippians 2?

Now what?

Christ had a “U”-shaped life (humiliation & exaltation). What does it look like for Christians –*for you!*–to have a similarly shaped life?

How might this apply to your relationships with other people (vs. 5)?

Pray your thanks to Jesus for humbling himself for you, even to death on the cross. Praise him that every knee will bow to him and every tongue confess that he is Lord. Ask for the power of his Holy Spirit to live a life of self-giving love in your relationships with others.