

# True Christlikeness

Philippians 2:1-11 / 10-013-19 / Paul Sommerfeld

## GETTING STARTED

How does our culture view *humility*? Is it seen as a strength or weakness? *Why*?

## OVERVIEW

We live in a world that tells us the way to happiness is to focus on yourself and do all you can to raise yourself above others. Jesus flips everything upside-down and shows us by His life (and death) that the way up is actually going *down*. Jesus reveals that extravagant joy is found in humbling ourselves and considering others above ourselves, which leads to unity in the church.

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1. What impacted you most from the sermon this week?
2. **Read Philippians 2:1-4:** Why does Paul place so much emphasis on *unity* here?
  - What are the greatest causes of disunity and division in the church today?
  - What does Paul say is the remedy for disunity in the church? *Why*?
3. A common definition of *humility* is “thinking less of yourself.”
  - Do you agree with this definition? *Why or why not*?
  - How would you define humility in your own words?
4. **Read Philippians 2:5-11:** How does Jesus demonstrate true humility?
  - How can looking at Jesus’ example encourage us to grow in humility?
5. Paul shows other people who followed Jesus’ example in **Philippians 1:21-26** (Paul, himself), **Philippians 2:19-24** (Timothy), and **Philippians 2:25-30** (Epaphroditus):
  - List how each example showed humility and looked to the interest of others.

## APPLY

6. Who are examples of humility in your own life, (family, church, friends, or public figures)?
  - How can their example encourage you towards humility and serving others?
7. Why do you think more people don’t follow the example of Jesus’ humility today?
  - What might keep you from following Jesus’ example and serving others?
8. What are some practical ways you can look out for the interests of others *this week*?
  - Are there places or people in the church that you can serve in humility? *How*?