

STUDY #3 – EYES UP THROUGH HUMILITY – PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

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Synopsis of study: To help us get practical about where we focus and to what we pay attention, we need a good example. We will use Jesus as our example and dig into Paul's challenge to *"let this mind be in you."* With Jesus as our example we will learn how crucial it is for us to admit our need and humble ourselves before God.

Icebreaker Questions:

- Who is the most egocentric person you have ever met?
- What is the most embarrassing thing you have ever done?
- Are you a person who can laugh at themselves?

Bible Study:

Read Philippians 2:1-12 in two different translations

1. What is the encouragement of verse 5, and why does it matter?
2. Why does Paul talk about Jesus being "equal with God?" Why is this important to the discussion about humility?
3. Of all the things Jesus was willing to "not hold onto" which would be the most difficult?
4. What is the connection between humility and obedience? Why does Paul link them together?
5. What was the reward to Jesus for His humble obedience to the Father? How does this truth apply to those who choose to follow Jesus' example?

Application:

- We will never have our "eyes up" if we think we are the answer to our problems. Share your story of when you finally gave up and let Jesus be your answer.
- Fred Smith, *"people with humility don't deny their power, don't deny their talents, but they recognize that they pass through them not from them."*¹ What do you think about Fred's definition of a humble person?
- How does a person know they are living a humble life?

What is one step of humility that will help you lift your eyes up to Jesus?

¹ Smith, Sr. Fred, *Breakfast with Fred*, 184