



# GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10, 2024 | HEART SURGERY

## WARM-UP QUESTION

When you think of the word “humility” in relation to Christ-like character, who comes to mind?

## DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out from Sunday’s message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read Philippians 2

- What do you know about the relationship between Paul and the church in Philippi? Read Acts 16:11-40 for context.
- What main theme in Philippians 2 has impacted you the most? Why?
- What specific aspects of Jesus’ character and actions are highlighted in Philippians 2:6-8. What challenges you the most about living out this kind of humility?
- Verse 6 says that Jesus, “Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.” How might this influence how we view leadership and influence in our lives?
- In verses 9-11, we see the exaltation of Jesus by God. How does this exaltation contrast with His humility in verses 6-8, and what can this teach us about God’s perspective on humility and obedience?
- Paul encourages believers to “value others above yourselves.” What are some practical ways we can live this out in our relationships, both within the church and in daily life?
- Paul says, “For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.” How does this truth shape your understanding of spiritual growth and transformation? What areas of your life need more dependence on God’s power rather than self-effort?
- Jesus’ humility led Him to serve and sacrifice for others. How could this perspective of serving others over yourself transform how you engage with your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers?
- Read verses 5-11 again and reflect on how the passage challenges your current priorities. How might adopting the mindset of Jesus influence the way you view success, status and recognition?



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## RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.