



GOING DEEPER

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Philippians 2

How to go deeper in community...

1. Pursue genuine unity instead of surface friendships.

(vs. 1-2)

Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

2. Put others before yourself (vs. 3-4)

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

3. Follow Jesus' example of humility (vs. 5-11)

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...

Theological Aside: Christology

- Jesus Christ is God Eternal
- Jesus Christ is Fully God
- Jesus Christ is Perfect Man
- Jesus Christ was the Perfect Sacrifice for sin

4. Access God's power when you are tempted to grumble and argue with others. (vs. 12-18)

Do everything without complaining or arguing so that you may become blameless and pure...

Two examples of humble, courageous men:

- Timothy (vs. 19-24)
- Epaphroditus (vs. 25-30)

Next Steps

- For the sake of love and unity, I will initiate a healing conversation with someone with whom I have had a conflict this week.
- This week I will pray that God gives me the power to quit complaining and arguing with others.
- I am committing to follow Jesus for the first time today.
- I am re-committing to follow Jesus today.



Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to provide questions in abbreviated form each week for personal study and/or discussion for LifeGroups choosing to meet during a portion of the break.

Lesson Aim: To grow in our understanding of the unique flavor of a gospel-centered lifestyle.

1. In Sunday's message, Pastor Chris spoke to us on the concept of humility according to the example of Jesus on the cross. What does humility mean according to the Jesus example?
2. **READ Philippians 2:1-4.** What is the Holy Spirit (through Paul) telling the believers in Philippi in regards to their relationships with others? How can we use this advice in our own lives to create more meaningful relationships?
3. Why does Paul say to "work out your salvation with fear and trembling" in verse 12?

4. Referring back to Sunday's message, why are Timothy and Epaphroditus used as examples of people who display humility?
5. How might this section of Scripture translate into our everyday life in regards to our children, spouses, co-workers, etc.? What are some examples of what putting others first in these areas would look like?
6. **Read Proverbs 22:4.** What is Solomon (the author of this proverb) talking about when he refers to the reward of "humility and fear of the Lord" being "wealth, honor and life"?

Daily Devotional Plan

- Day 1 – Hebrews 10
- Day 2 – Hebrews 11
- Day 3 – Hebrews 12
- Day 4 – Hebrews 13
- Day 5 – James 1
- Day 6 – James 2
- Day 7 – James 3