



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

READ Philippians 2:1-11

SHARE words, phrases, truths that stuck out to you; any questions you have; new insights.

DISCUSS the passage together.

1/ We live in a consumerist age. Discuss where you see this in culture. Discuss where you see a consumerist attitude at work in your own heart.

2/ Paul seems to suggest that the wealth of riches we have in our salvation (v. 1) should lead to a life of deep community and deep humility. Walk through v. 1 slowly as a group and consider how those riches might empower you to serve others.

3/ What is one way we can pursue unity - and not mere uniformity - as a home group? (v. 3)

4/ Humility (vv. 3-4) was not a virtue in the ancient world. Instead pride and creating a name for yourself was virtuous. How does knowing that change the way you read vv. 3-4?

5/ What would it look like to apply vv. 3-4 in your life this week?

6/ Paul always likes to connect a call to obedience with Jesus. Compare vv. 5-11 with 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 (especially v. 9). How does the obedience of Jesus on your behalf empower you to obey his commands?

7/ Jesus - though he had every divine privilege - did not leverage them or exploit them for himself. Instead he served us. He was a giver. How does this picture of Jesus help *you* give?

8/ For Jesus, the cross preceded the crown. Jesus was exalted *after* his death on a cross for his church. How should this pattern play out in our walk of faith?

APPLY the text to your life (these questions from Redeemer NYC might help).

1/ How can I praise him?

2/ How can I confess my sins on the basis of this text?

3/ If this is really true, what wrong behavior, what harmful emotions or false attitudes result in me when I forget this?

4/ What should I be aspiring to on the basis of this text?

5/ God, why are you telling me this today?

PRAY together for the things you just shared, and also for anything else in your life.