

LIFE Group Discussion Guide

Sermon Series: Joy in the Journey

Sermon Title: The Pathway to Unity: Humility

Sermon Text: Philippians 1: 1-11

Sermon Date: March 24, 2013

Summary: Paul exhorts the Philippians to unity and shows them the way in this magnificent Christ-centered passage. Paul makes the case that humility is the way to unity in the church and that Jesus is our supreme example. We are moved to awe and worship as Paul describes Jesus' deity, humanity and supreme sacrifice. There are some thorny theological issues that this passage raises. Paul's intent, of course, is not to get us sidetracked with theological debate, but to have us focus on the glory of Christ and the way to unity in the church.

Discussion questions

1. How is humility the pathway to church and relational unity?
2. How does pride kill church and relational unity? Give examples...
3. What are some of the other important virtues that promote unity? In this passage?
4. What does it mean to consider others more important than yourself? How does this get worked out in daily life? Give examples...
5. What does it mean to look out for the interests of others? How does that get worked out in daily life? Give examples...
6. How does selfishness manifest itself in church life?
7. How does empty conceit manifest itself in church life?
8. As you read the passage on the humility of Christ, how does it affect you? (Amazement, worship, conviction of sin, encouragement to imitate, theological curiosity...?)
9. It would seem humility begins in the mind. How should this description of Christ affect our thinking?
10. What is pride? Do you think it can be killed? If so, what is the best way to kill it?