

Philippians – Lesson 3

Who Do You Think You Are?

Verses to Remember

“For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.” (Philippians 2:13)

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who being in very nature god, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the father.” (Philippians 2:5-11)

Philippians 2: 1-11

1. What is the most humbling thing Jesus did that is mentioned in verses 5-11?

2. Do you think it was difficult for Jesus to do those things?

3. When Jesus demonstrated humility, what happened as a result?

4. Why do you think Paul brings up Jesus here? Does it seem like an interruption to his train of thought?

5. How do you make sense out of verses 1-4 and verses 5-11?

Philippians 2: 12-18

1. What does it mean to “work out your salvation?”

2. Why do you think verse 12 says for us to work out our salvation, and then in verse 13 it says God works in us?

3. Why do you think Paul uses the words "fear and trembling" to describe this whole process?

4. What is the ultimate goal in verses 14 through 18? What does Paul want us to become?

5. Verse 18 seems to indicate that despite the sacrifice of humility and servitude, joy is the result. How can humility result in joy?

6. What do you guys know about drink offerings? What is Paul getting at?

7. How is Paul's idea here like the pouring out of Jesus' life described in verses 5-11?

Workbook Activity (10 minutes)

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENTS

Break up into groups of 4 or 5, and discuss the following questions with the other members of your group.

- What's the most humiliating thing that has ever happened to you?
- When that humiliating thing happened, how did you feel?
- Was joy anywhere near you when you had that happen?
- How then can joy and humility co-exist?
- Does James 4:10 offer any comfort? Explain.

Homework:

- Memorize Philippians 2: 13 and Philippians 2:5-11.
- Look for different ways to practice humility this week.
- Thank God for the people he has brought into your life who have been an encouragement to you.