

Life Group Homework

DISCOVERING JOY IN HUMILITY– Philippians 2:1-4

Getting Started:

1. Read Matthew 18:1-4 and Mark 9:33-35. What would it look like if our lives and actions demonstrated that we whole-heartedly believed this to be true?

2. Think through some of the ways that God (Father, Son, and Spirit) has served and is serving us.

Digging In:

1. Verse one of Philippians 2 gives a list of benefits we have in Christ. Talk about what each of those benefits are and how they flow out in our daily lives.
 - a. What encouragement is there “in Christ”?

 - b. What comfort do we find in love? Is this just God’s love toward us or more?

 - c. What is so wonderful about our fellowship in the Spirit?

 - d. How do we find affection (or compassion) and sympathy in Christ?

2. What would it look like for the Philippians (or us) to be of the “same mind” as Paul is requesting?

3. What would it look like to have the same love? Is it the same *amount* of love, the same *kind* of love, the same *object* of their love, or some mixture of these?

4. How do the characteristics that Paul instructs us to have in verses three and four relate to our ability to produce the same mind he is desiring in verse two?

5. Why would the presence of these qualities “complete” Paul’s joy?

6. Why is it so hard to apply ourselves to the interests of others?

7. Why is it even harder to count others as more significant than ourselves?

Living It Out:

1. If we applied this teaching to the fullest in our lives today, what would change?

2. Are there relationships that would be restored, leadership that would be more effective, serving that would be done with more joy, etc.?