

# Life Group Homework

## **JESUS: THE GREATEST EXAMPLE OF GREATNESS** – Philippians 2:5-11

### **Getting Started:**

1. What does it mean for someone to be “great” in the eyes of history?
2. Why would people seek to be great?

### **Digging In:**

1. In verse five Paul refers to the mind of Christ as that “which is yours in Christ Jesus.” Why do you think Paul refers to it this way? (See 1 Corinthians 2:12-16 to aid your discussion.)
2. If we were to follow the example of Christ in verse six, of what would we have to empty ourselves?
3. While we are not equal to God by any means, what are we tempted to grasp at that causes us to fail to submit to the humility of Christ? Are there certain “rights” we might be slow to give up for the

sake of the gospel? (See 1 Corinthians 9:12.)

4. What humiliating circumstances have you refused to endure on behalf of the gospel because you thought it is unfair or unjust of God to permit? How does this outlook change when we see that Christ's example of humility went as far as death on a cross?

5. Is it sinful to fall short of Christ's example of self-sacrifice when relating to one another in the church?  
(See Hebrews 12:3-4.)

6. How might our willingness to humble ourselves to this extent avoid conflict and division in the church?

7. Does the exaltation that Christ received from the Father apply to us in some way? (See Revelation 3:9.)

8. How does the hope of God's vindication and our final exaltation help strengthen us for the humility necessary to follow Christ's example? (See James 4:10 and 1 Peter 5:6.)

### **Living It Out:**

1. Are there any situations or relationships in your life right now where this level of sacrificial humility would bring reconciliation or promote unity in your family or the body of Christ? If yes, share what you can.

2. Together lift these situations or relationships up to God and ask for his strength to follow Christ's example.