



### **Part Three: Just Venting**

Complaints take up more space in our conversations than we'd like to admit. When that happens, it indicates something telling in our hearts. The good news is, there is a powerful antidote to a complaining spirit!

**Scripture: Philippians 2:14-18, 2:5-11**

**Bottom Line:** Consumers complain, servants serve.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Out of these 4, which type of complainer are you? A whiner, martyr, pessimist or snob? (Refer to Sunday's sermon for a description of each)
2. Do you think that having a consumer mindset leads to discontentment? Why or why not? When is it appropriate to think of yourself a consumer? In what areas of life does it become a liability to have a consumerist mindset?
3. What do you complain about most? What do you think that says about you?
4. Read Philippians 2:1-11. Share your questions and observations about this passage. What does this section tell us about God and how He operates? What is the connection between this section and the command not to complain in verse 14?
5. Make a list of differences between living with a self-centered attitude and living with a servant like attitude. What are the sacrifices that you must make to orient your life around serving others?
6. Do you think that the encouragement to be more like Jesus in this way is helpful, possible, and worthwhile? What objections are there to living with this kind of lifestyle? How would you respond to those objections?

### **Moving Forward**

What is one thing you can do this week to sacrifice your own wants to provide for someone else? Make a note of your commitments and follow up next week, to see what your experiences were like as you tried to put this teaching into practice!