



PART 4: THE MINDSET OF CHRIST (2:1-11)

Sermon Notes

Text: Philippians 2:1-11

Intro:

Good to Great, by Jim Collins

Level 5 Leader: “Extreme Personal Humility”

Humilitas, by John Dickson: Humility was not seen as a virtue in the Greco-Roman world until after the time of Jesus.

1. The challenge of the church: Disunity

Philippians 2:1-4

A church in disunity is an ineffective church

Unity does not mean we agree on everything; it means we agree on prioritizing the interests of others before our own.

2. The solution to disunity: Humility

“Humility is the noble choice to forgo your status, deploy your resources or use your influence for the good of others before yourself.” ~John Dickson

“Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call ‘humble’ nowadays: he will not be a sort of greasy,

smarmy person, who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody. Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to him. If you do dislike him it will be because you feel a little envious of anyone who seems to enjoy life so easily. He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all.” ~C.S. Lewis

3. The path to humility: Following the example of Jesus

Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus did not stop being God during his incarnation, death and resurrection. Therefore Jesus shows us what it truly means to be God.

Proverbs 3:34

Mark 10:43-44

Conclusion:

Connect Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. What stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?
2. When you think of a humble person, what comes to mind? Did your perspective on humility change at all after Sunday's sermon?

Discussion:

1. What are some signs of a church that's in disunity? What impact does disunity have on a church? What are some signs that a church is unified? What impact does unity have on a church?
2. Consider John Dickson's definition of humility: "Humility is the noble choice to forgo your status, deploy your resources or use your influence for the good of others before yourself." Do you agree? How would you define it?
3. How did Jesus show humility in his life on earth? Can you think of specific examples from the gospels?
4. Read Mark 10:42-45. How does Jesus define greatness? How does this differ from the way most people today define greatness?

Practice:

While Philippians 2:1-11 provides some incredibly rich theology, its purpose is to provide practical applications to how we approach relationships (v. 5). What are some specific applications you can apply this week to your own relationships? At home? At work? At church?

Pray: