

Discipleship Pathway:
Good News Lifestyle, Feb 3-4, 2018
Philippians 2:1-18

Small group study and prayer

I. A Good News lifestyle is _____ Christ (vv. 5-11)

1. P_____ use of p_____
2. O_____ God's plan
 - a. Jesus' d_____ = Our s_____
 - b. Jesus is L_____

II. A Good News lifestyle is a _____ to all (vv.1-4, 12-18)

1. J_____ in Jesus is connected to your l_____ for others.
2. God's w_____ in us will s_____ on those around us.

1. Compare Jesus' approach to power in Php 2:6 with his teaching in the Gospel of Mark (10:42-45). How does Christ's teaching in these two areas challenge our culture today? How does it challenge us in the church?
2. Read the summary of Jesus' ministry in Peter's sermon to Cornelius' household (Acts 10:34-43). How did Jesus' ministry embody the truth of Php 2:5-11?
3. That God is the One to whom "every knee should bow and every tongue swear allegiance" is not unique to the New Testament (see Isaiah 45:23). That this same God came in the flesh through Jesus Christ is unique! The incarnation points us to follow Christ and worship Him who is one with the Father (John 10:22-30). Let this reality move you and your small group to worship Jesus. Consider singing together or praising Him in prayer.
4. Draw/paint a picture or describe an image that brings these requests of the Apostle Paul together: "being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind." (v 2).
5. Verses 12 and 13 present a dynamic work in the life of every believer, classically defined as human responsibility ("work out your salvation", v12) and divine sovereignty ("it is God who works in you" v 13). Paul is confident "that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." (Php 1:6) In what ways is it clear to you that *God is* changing you? In what ways are *you* working to change you?
6. Grumbling (v 14) or murmuring is defined as *secret displeasure, not openly avowed*. What makes you grumble or argue? Make a conscious effort this week, with God's help, to do everything without those behaviors.
7. Pray for God's work in you *this week* to shine on at least one person you know who does not share your faith in Jesus.