

Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of January 10, 2016

Philippians 2:1-11

These questions are to be used as a spring board for discussion.

Answers may or may not be found in the sermons.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Common English Bible (CEB)

Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy,² complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other.³ Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves.⁴ Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others.⁵ Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

*⁶ Though he was in the form of God,
he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.
⁷ But he emptied himself
by taking the form of a slave
and by becoming like human beings.
When he found himself in the form of a human,
⁸ he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore, God highly honored him
and gave him a name above all names,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus everyone
in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow
¹¹ and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Connection Questions:

1. What is the great paradox Paul writes of in Philippians 2:1-11?

