

Leaning In – Humility
Philippians 2:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-4
May 2, 2021
Next Steps

OPENING PRAYER:

Reconciling Savior,

In a world where many feel friendless, thank you for your constant companionship. In situations of violence and hatred, thank you for your commandment to love one another. In times where many know death and destruction, thank you for this season of resurrection. As you love us, make us faithful friends who love one another by proclaiming the good news of the resurrection to all. We ask this in your name. Amen.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree or disagree with in the sermon this week?
- Where did you see God this week?
- Share your most funny/embarrassing moment.

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Philippians 2:1-11.

- What jumps out at you in this scripture?
- From this passage, what can you identify is wrong with the church in Philippi?
- How does Christian humility differ from being a doormat?
- What do you think it was like for Jesus to leave heaven and come to earth? Put on humility? How could you apply that to your life?
- How does this passage challenge the world's definition of success?

Read Ephesians 4:1-4

- Which quality in verse 2 do you identify with most? Least? How can you grow this week?
- According to this passage, what does it mean to live in unity with the church? Why do you believe God gives us this example? In what ways do you need others?
- How can you live in to the calling you have received this week? What actions will you take?

NEXT STEPS:

- What is one specific way you can imitate Christ's humility this week?
- Who in your life has put other's needs above themselves? How could you honor them this week? Write a card? Call? Etc?
- What step will you take to live in humility?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Lord our God, great, eternal, wonderful in glory, who keeps covenant and promises for those who love you with their whole hearts, who are the life of all, the help of those that flee to you, the hope of those who cry to you, cleanse us from our sins, secret and open, and from every thought displeasing to your goodness - cleanse our bodies and souls, our hearts and consciences, that with a pure heart and a clear soul, with perfect love and calm hope, we may venture confidently and fearlessly to pray to you. Amen.
--Coptic Liturgy of St. Basil