

Grateful Hearts Considers Others

Philippians 2:1-11

November 7, 2021

Next Steps

OPENING PRAYER:

Holy and illuminating God, as your Word is opened before us, pierce our preoccupations, our penchant for unexamined and unconscious living, and our stubborn resistance that we may be attentive to your presence. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree or disagree with in the sermon this week?
- Where did you see God this week?
- What's your least favorite task at home? Why?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Philippians 2:1-11.

- What jumps out at you in this scripture?
- What's the problem with the church at Philippi?
- Vs. 3 – what does it mean for you to “think of others better than yourselves?”
- Humility has often been used as a ‘weapon’ in the church, especially with the abused. What is the difference between ‘humility’ and being abused?
- What do you learn from Jesus’ humility? How will this change your life?

NEXT STEPS:

- Commit to the gratitude jar or social media post of gratitude for every day until thanksgiving.
- How does this passage challenge society's definition of success?
- How do you balance humility with the importance of meeting your own needs? How will scripture support you?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Holy God, we thank you for reminding us once again that you are Lord of all. You are Lord of our days, Lord of our world, Lord of your church. You are Lord of our present and our future. You reign sovereign over all and are never caught by surprise, never at a loss for what to do, never overwhelmed by the creation or the creatures you have made. We thank you for the reassurance of your presence. We trust in your eternal purposes. We rest in your bountiful grace. May our hearts become more deeply attuned to your action in the world, that we might demonstrate the humility and obedience of Christ. For his sake we pray, Amen.