

Dig Deeper @Home – "The Ascended One" Complement to sermon on April 10 – The Humble Servant

MEMORIZE – Philippians 3: 10-11

"that I may know [Christ] and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like Him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead."

READ Philippians 2: 1-11

Questions to ponder/discuss:

- 1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
- 2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
- 3. The first word of 2:1 is therefore, which is a linking word. Read back until you find what Paul is linking to these verses. What is he linking and why is this important to know?

4. In 2:2, Paul encourages to "be of the **same** mind, by having the **same** love, being **united** in spirit and having **one** purpose." What is this same mind, love, purpose that he is encouraging?

5. Paul says we should treat others as more important than ourselves and to be concerned not only of our own interests, but in the interests of others. What, practically, can you do this week to treat others as more important than yourself? Pray and ask God whose interests He wants you to be concerned about and what He wants you to do about it.

Bottom Line (give a one or two sentence summary of the scripture you just read):

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The below is one suggestion for how to experience the truths of Acts 1:1-11 and John 14 & 16. Feel free to use this one or any you might come up with.

Make a Psalm

Philippians 2: 6-11 is widely held to be an early poem or hymn about Jesus Christ. Take time and make it into a song. If you need to change some words to make the song work, that is fine. Just take time to make sure the words you are exchanging are faithful to what the text is saying. After making the song, learn it and sing it throughout the week to remind you of who Jesus is.

SING (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing) Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6EApdFYv39g</u> A great hymn about growing more like Christ and serving Him

Build your Kingdom Here - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcSWpVKKMcs</u> A worship song that invites God to build His Kingdom through us, His people. Sing this with Philippians 2: 1-11 in mind, as that it how Christ builds His Kingdom, through humble servants willing to serve

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and praise reports. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to show up in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Father God, we thank you for Jesus and the example He provided in humble obedience. Give us the strength to spend ourselves for Your glory and the good of others. May you give us the grace we need to truly think of others as more important than ourselves. Help us to see all that you have given us as means to bless others and grow Your Kingdom. In Jesus great name we pray, amen.