

Small Group Study Guide, Week of December 7, 2025

Advent 2: Philippians 2:5-11, "Christ's Humility Displayed," Pastor Tim Cho

Q: What key quality of Christ should His followers emulate to live in unity?

Big Idea: When you seek unity by emulating Christ's humility, He will receive the glory.

Ice Breaker: In your household, who tends to leave the biggest trail of mess behind them? Who cleans it up?

Dig:

1. For background, read Philippians 2:1-4. What seems to be going on in the church at Philippi that Paul is addressing? What motives does he give for living in unity? How is unity related to humility?
2. Verses 6-11 are presumed to be an early church hymn. Consider reading it in unison. How does Jesus exemplify humility? (In your answer, in addition to this text, reflect on some examples from the Gospels.) What progression do you find in Jesus' a) humiliation (vv5-8) and b) exaltation (vv9-11)? What else stands out to you in this hymn?

Apply:

3. How would things change if verses 3-8 marked your family life this Advent season? Your church life? Your work life?

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