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Grace Group Discussion Guide

“Jesus: The Selfless Savior and Exalted King”
Philippians 2:5–11
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Big Idea: Jesus’ remarkable humility and total exaltation is meant to make you humble in conduct and worshipful in heart.

Questions

The Humility of Christ (2:5-8) - *Displayed in His Incarnation (2:5-7)*

1. The world preaches to work hard now so you can eventually live for yourself and your own desires later. How does Christ’s incarnation and willingness to lay aside his glorious privileges help us combat this lie of self-centeredness?

2. In light of the humility of Christ, how ought we to respond to slights, criticisms, and disrespect that we might have to face this week?

3. Isaiah responded to his encounter with the preincarnate Christ with a proper view of his utter lowliness (“Woe is me!”). What can you do this week to transform your mind to think rightly about God and yourself.

The Humility of Christ (2:5-8) - *Displayed in His Crucifixion (2:8)*

4. If the Lord (Christ) of the sinner demonstrated such remarkable humility by dying on the cross, how should we as believers respond to others, especially when serving them requires personal sacrifice or goes unnoticed?

5. As you reflected on Christ’s humility during the worship service, were there areas of pride or self-interest, or resistance to others that the Spirit of God exposed? What can you do this week to kill these sins in your life and pursue Christ-like humility?

The Exaltation of Christ (2:9-11) - *He Has Been Given Unrivaled Glory (2:9)*

6. Philippians 2:9 declares that God has highly exalted Jesus, yet his glory is often overlooked or rejected by the world. Where do you see evidence of Christ’s reign today, even when it may not be immediately apparent? How can remembering his exaltation strengthen your faith?

7. What can you do this week in your daily routine to help cultivate a heart of worship toward the exalted Christ?

The Exaltation of Christ (2:9-11) - *He Will Get Universal Recognition (2:10-11)*

8. Philippians 2 teaches that one day “every knee will bow”. How should this certainty motivate and shape our evangelistic efforts?
9. What is highly exalted in your life right now and competing for your affection, attention, or allegiance? What practical steps can you take to put things back into the proper perspective?

Memory Verse: Isaiah 6:1-3

Missions Prayer Requests – Seehusen Family

1. Please pray for the Nadi Fellowship, Michael and Jordan’s church family, that the Lord would continue to use his Word to save, mature, and convict individuals in their young church plant.
2. Please pray for wisdom for the Seehusens in how to engage in ministry opportunities and what to say yes to and what to lovingly say no to as various needs continue to come their way.
3. Please pray for faithfulness on the mission field to continue to rely on the strength of God alone and his provisions to provide perseverance, patience, and fruit in the ministry in Fiji.
4. Please pray for the Seehusens as a family as they seek to honor God and be an example for Christ in their marriage and parenting. Pray also for their three children Taj (11), Tori (8), and Kai (4), that they would grow up to fear the Lord and cultivate more friendships and fellowship with other children in Fiji.