

### Tips and Tricks:

The sermon notes are designed to be used as a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you have to use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through and others will be over in a few seconds.

Don't teach the lesson. The sermon was just preached. Just ask the questions and let everyone else talk.

Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway! Have fun. Don't forget to laugh and crack up. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of our ministry. Remember: We have to build a relational bridge strong enough to hold the truth!

### Agenda for Group Time

Ice Breaker - Lighthearted ice breaker question (10 minutes)

Discussion - Bible study, sharing and application. (25 Minutes)

Prayer - Pray together (5 minutes)

Planning - Remember to talk about what's coming up.

**Icebreaker** Are there least-favorite household chores in your home? Who does them?

Read Philippians 2:1-11

### The Problem of Community

Paul isn't super explicit here, but what does it look like is the problem for the church in Philippi?

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Question: how do these forces in us and around us affect how we live in community?

- The sin we're born into
- The culture around us
- The attacks of Satan
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What would it look like if we lived by considering "others better than ourselves" (v3)? How would daily life change?

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What does Paul ground his exhortation in? Why should we put the interests of others first?

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Have you seen this worked out in a community before? What did it look like?

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Oftentimes, we find that in order to make good changes we have to be the ones who make the first step.

Question: what are simple, practical ways that you have seen or done that help foster this mindset? Is it different when you're in different places (home vs. work vs. Church)?

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## The Solution of Jesus

Far greater than our alienation between ourselves is the alienation between man and God.

We can't fully understand what it was like, but what are some of the ways you wrestle with the sheer difference it was like for God the Son to be incarnate?

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Question: How do you remember Christ's work, even in the frustrating circumstances in the middle of the day?

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Question: How does Christ's example of humility stand out to you most today?

- He took on the payment, even though he was the one to whom the debt was owed
- He subjected himself to looking weak, and to the suffering that comes with it
- He established His kingdom, and called His people, by humility
- He has given me an opportunity to share in his reward, though I haven't been humble like Him

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Work It Out!

One thing I'll do differently because of this sermon:

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