

# NOVEMBER

## DAILY READINGS

*Ezra “opened the book” (Ezra 8:5). Our prayer is that you would love God & others more as a result of “opening the book” and applying it to your life and the church.*

### **Sunday, November 3rd** | Philippians “**Supreme Joy**” Philippians 2:5-11

- [4] Phil 2:5-8 | What is the mind of Christ like? How do you know if you have it?
- [5] Phil 2:5-8 | What can it look like to have the mind of Christ in your closest relationships this week? Who can you serve as Christ has served you?
- [6] Phil 2:5-11 | How is Jesus’ model of leadership different from a worldly view of leadership? How can you put this type of life in practice today?
- [7] Read Isaiah 53, focusing on Christ’s humility and His atoning work.
- [8] Phil 2:9-11 | Have you ever bowed to anyone? What does bowing signify?
- [9] Phil 2:9-11 | Have you submitted to the lordship of Christ? How can you know for sure if you have?

### **Sunday, November 10th** | Philippians “**Supreme Joy**” Philippians 2:12-18

- [11] Phil 2:12-13 | When you serve others in humility, why do you tend to do it?
- [12] Phil 2:12-13 | What does Paul mean by “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling?” How are you doing it?
- [13] Phil 2:12-13 | Is our obedience necessary for salvation? Why or why not?
- [14] Phil 2:12-13 | Is there any area of your life that you need to recommit obeying the Lord in? Repent to Him and pray for the Lord’s help to obey Him from the heart.
- [15] Phil 2:14-18 | What areas in your life are you prone to complain about? Ask for God’s help to not complain about those things this week.
- [16] Phil 2:14-18 | What, if anything, does a Christian’s grumbling say about God? What does it do to our witness? What practical steps can you take to exchange your grumbling for joy this week?

### **Sunday, November 17th** | Philippians “**Supreme Joy**” Philippians 2:19-30

- [18] Phil 2:19-24 | Genuine serving yields genuine joy. Who is someone you know that always seems to be serving others? Why do you think they love others the way they do?
- [19] Phil 2:19-24 | What often prevents you from serving others? Time? Willingness? Energy? Take some time figuring out how you can fight against it this week to serve one other person.

- [20] Phil 2:19-24 | What can you do this week for a loved one that might feel like self-denial at first, but in the end would increase your joy?
- [21] Phil 2:25-30 | How do you cultivate a servant heart of selflessness rather than selfishness?
- [22] Phil 2:25-30 | Humility is costly, but worth the price. Take a few minutes to write down what it might cost you to live a life of increasing humility, and then write down gains for yourself and others.
- [23] *Seek to memorize one meaningful verse from the November reading plan.*

### **Sunday, November 24th** | Philippians “**Supreme Joy**” Philippians 3:1-11

- [25] Phil 3:1-2 | Meditate on Philippians 3:1. How can you prepare now to rejoice in the Lord when conflicts come upon you?
- [26] Phil 3:3-6 | Are there things that have come to you naturally – from the body you were born with, from your family or culture, or from your natural talents that you tend to look to for confidence? What are they?
- [27] Phil 3:3-6 | Why are we tempted to put confidence in the flesh? Why should we not put our confidence there?
- [28] Phil 3:2-7 | You will do thousands of ordinary tasks this week. Take some time each morning to pray about how you can do these tasks depending on Christ and not the flesh.
- [29] Phil 3:7-11 | Ask God to stir up in you a desire to know Christ that is stronger than every other desire. How would that make your life better? More challenging?
- [30] Phil 3:11 | How does the hope of your resurrection encourage you in the Christian life?