

## LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

## *Philippians 2:5-8*

These questions are for the **November 17, 2024** message, “JOY IN CHRIST: unwavering confidence in uncertain times – **Unity and Humility, Part 2.**” Please read the sermon passage (Philippians 2:1-11) together out loud, to set the context for our study in verses 5-8.

### Passage Outline

In humility, Christ Jesus has shown us (5)...

1. ...the refusal of untimely glory. (6)
  - A. Jesus is God! (see also Colossians 2:9)
  - B. The fullness of the Deity dwells in Him.
    - 1) Yet, He chose not to hold onto his absolute right to be worshipped in heaven.
    - 2) He willingly condescended to save us, that God would be glorified.
2. ...the embracing of total servanthood. (7)
  - A. Jesus is human!
  - B. In becoming human, Jesus took the form of a servant to save us in the way that was consistent with God’s will.
3. ...death, even on the cross. (8)
  - A. In His human form, Jesus endured humiliation all the way to death.
  - B. Death was the penalty for sin that God had pronounced.
    - 1) Although man should have to pay his own penalty, doing so would result in eternal separation from God.
    - 2) God was the only one who could pay our penalty in a way that would result in our redemption and restoration (John 14:6).

### Pastor Jon’s four points of application for growing Christians:

1. **Jesus is God!** Worship Him with all your life.
2. **Balance.** Because we live both spiritually and physically, we must live with and care others both spiritually and physically.
3. **Change your mind.** Humble yourself. Change the way you think about yourself and others.
4. **No matter how low you have gone, Jesus has gone lower for us.** God lifted Him up, and He can lift you up too! When you seek humility for God’s glory, He can and will be with you.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. What are some ways that our attitudes might cause friction, and interfere with unity?
2. How does disunity weaken the church?
3. What does it mean to have the mind of Christ, as the Apostle Paul describes it in Philippians 2:6?
4. How did Jesus “take the form of a servant” in order to save us? What are some practical ways we can follow His example?
5. Jesus suffered the ultimate humiliation for us. How do we find comfort in that fact?

### Bonus Question:

6. Pastor Jon described the church as a “...beautiful batch of cookies...” Each of us is an ingredient that comes together with others to complete the recipe. What ingredient are you, and why?