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MESSAGE NOTES

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Based on the selfless example of Jesus,
value others' well-being ahead of your own

1. As blessed members of God's family, live in unity with your brothers and sisters

Philippians 2:1-4

A Trinity Core Value:

The Bible is God's Story given to transform you and to be an authority in your life

Humility can be defined as ". . . an inside-out virtue produced by comparing ourselves to the Lord (rather than to others). This brings behavior into alignment with this inner revelation to keep one from being self-exalting . . ."

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:3-4

2. For Jesus, no degree of selflessness for you was too much

Philippians 2:5-8

For the Second Member of the Trinity to take on the flesh of humanity was like He was making Himself nothing, of being perceived as "valueless" by taking on such a base nature

There was no degree of humiliation that Jesus wasn't willing to stoop to in order to provide the atonement that was needed to make you right with God

3. Exaltation follows humiliation

Philippians 2:9-11

Jesus, crucified on a Roman cross, not Caesar seated on a Roman throne, is destined to receive universal acknowledgment that he alone is the sovereign Lord.

G. Walter Hansen, Pillar New Testament Commentary – The Letter to the Philippians.

Isaiah 45:22-25

Christianity has always insisted that the cross we bear always precedes the crown we wear.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Now What?

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HOME GROUP NOTES

Philippians 2:1-11

Looking Back

Who has modeled selfless love to you? What does it look like?

Learn from the Bible

Read Philippians 1:27 then 2:1-11.

This letter was written to people suffering from persecution. What “conduct” is Paul addressing? How is this essential to life in God’s family? (1:27-2:4)

List the directives Paul gives them (and us). Knowing that the “if” statements (v.1) are really “since” or “because,” how do these factor into the directives? What is the big idea of these commands? (1-5)

To Christ-followers, 2:5-11 is precious and powerful. It summarizes the selfless character and actions of God. Write a brief summary of this grand passage.

Discuss Together

In this passage, “mindset” is repeatedly addressed. What mindset are we to hold? Why is this so essential to life in God’s family? How does this get expressed?

Agree or disagree: Without “humility” we cannot follow Jesus. Why is “humility” so hard for us? (3)

What does it look like to put the well-being of others ahead of your own? What helps you do this? What hinders?

Pray Together

- Consider having a time of praise for Jesus selfless love and compassion. (6-8)
- Pray for the Trinity family to have the mindset and love of Christ Jesus (1-5)
- Pray that we would look beyond our own interests to those in need around us (4)

Memory Verse for this Week

Philippians 2:3-4