

TO LIVE IS CHRIST

Paul's letter to the Philippians

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Week 5 | July 24, 2016

One in Spirit and Purpose, Philippians 2:1-5

KEY VERSES

Make my joy complete by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other... Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty conceit. Rather, in humility consider others better than yourselves."
Philippians 2:2-3

KEY IDEAS

1. Get along with one another.
2. Put others first.

QUESTIONS

1. Can you think of a relationship, small group, or church that you quit on because you couldn't get along—or maybe because it wasn't meeting your needs? OK, now the tougher question. What if your purpose on earth involved sticking with that relationship and working through to a place of reconciliation and grace? What might that have looked like?
2. Do we feel connected to others in our church community like Paul describes in Phil 2:1-4? (How does our individualism as North Americans resist this call to community and connection?)
3. Take a few minutes to discuss how Jesus set the example of being humble and a servant. What specific stories from the Bible can you think of?
4. When you think of someone who truly serves others, what words, actions, or character qualities would you use to describe them?
5. Look at the Key Ideas—1 and 2. Why are they so dang hard? What are some ways you can apply these in some of your closest and everyday relationships?

PRAYER

Express your awe and gratitude to God for the example of Jesus' humility and servanthood. Ask God for help in applying the biblical principles (Key Ideas 1 and 2) in your relationships and circumstances this week.