

Life in Color #4
Joy in Humility

Word

Scripture Reference

Philippians 2:1-10

Discussion Questions

1. What has been the most humbling experience you had?
2. Read Philippians 2:1-11. Paul began this chapter by calling the Philippians to be united by being like-minded, having the same unconditional love that Christ exemplified, being one in spirit, and having a common purpose (v. 1-2). What keeps the church from being united? Discuss why unity is very difficult to achieve even in churches.
3. The apostle Paul teaches the Philippians that what hampers joy in humility is self-centeredness (v. 3-4). How does selfishness reflect on one's attitude and keeps you from being humble? Discuss how selfish ambition robs you of joy and lead to the ruin of your home, workplace, or church.
4. In verse 3 Paul said that in humility we need to consider others better than ourselves. This does not mean that you should look down on yourself because every person is important in God's sight. What Paul is warning us about is being egocentric or focusing on ourselves. How do you feel when you are honored? Do you feel the same joy when other people get the honor and glory instead of you?
5. To esteem others better than yourself is a command from God. Regardless of whether you truly are or aren't better than another person, you are to cultivate a heart of humility by thinking that they are better than you in every aspect. Has there been an instance when you thought you deserve more than others because you are better than they are, or felt that because of your position or connections, you are the exception to the rules and standards that everyone else needs to follow? Share and discuss with the group.

6. Paul cited Jesus Christ's incarnation and obedience to God as two perfect examples of humility. Jesus is God Himself, but even in His deity He did not consider equality with God the Father something to be held onto. In self-denial He gave up His rights and power as God (without ceasing to be God) when he *chose* to become man. What are you willing or not willing to do for Christ? Do you set limitations on what you are to do if God asks you to do it? Are you humble enough to change for God?
7. Jesus Christ also showed great humility in His obedience to God to the point of death. Jesus was not responsible for our sins, but He humbled Himself to obey God's will for Him to die for our sins. In His innocence He was made to suffer and died in the most shameful method reserved for the worst of criminals through crucifixion (v. 8). What does Jesus' humiliating death teach you about the kind of humility you should exercise? What humbling act have you willingly done for God to show that you understand the magnitude of what your Savior did for you?
8. God exalted Jesus Christ because of His humility (v. 9-11). Are you obstructing the glory of God in your life because of self-centeredness? How can your meekness glorify Him? How does acknowledging that you are but a humble servant of God give you joy in humility?

Walk

In what way can the Lord Jesus Christ's example of humility challenge your self-centeredness? What practical steps can you take this week to exhibit humility in your relationships?

Worship & Prayer

Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony

Pray for...

- GCCP believers to bless the Lord's Name with joy and humility.
- Wisdom and godly leadership for HO.
- More couples to join and be blessed by the Feb 23 event.
- Spiritual healing for wayward FT.
- Healthy pregnancy for mother JL.
- Readiness of people to share God's love.
- Healing and salvation for Remedios Uy, LR, Arthur Liu, Susan Go, Pedro Dyloco, Segundo Yu, Yolly Dyloco, MSC.