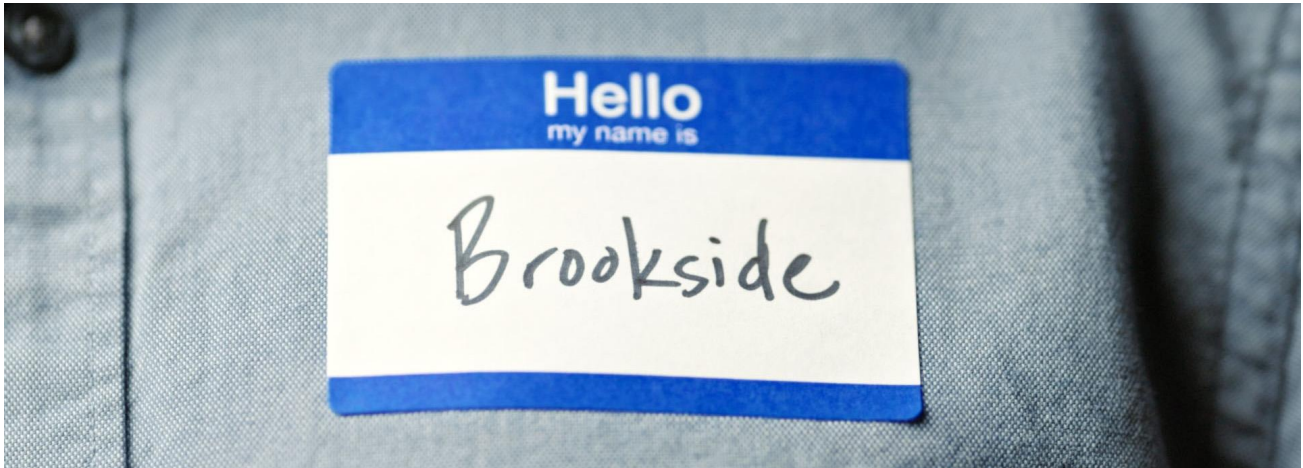




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**Community: Selections from Philippians 2
Questions for Study and Group Discussion**

1. Icebreaker: When have you experienced healthy community / relationships in your life? (This could be a friendship you had, a team or a club you were part of, etc.) What was so helpful or valuable about this community?
2. In your own words, why is community important?
3. What challenges healthy community in our world today?
4. “Relationships can make you bitter. Or relationships can make you better.” Explain what this statement means in your own words. Are there ways you’ve seen this play out in your own life?
5. In Philippians 2, we find four priorities that fill Paul’s vision when he thinks of healthy, biblical community. After each priority listed below, read the Scripture included and share both (1) why this priority matters and (2) how you can apply this priority in a relationship in your life:
 - Unity: Philippians 2:1-2 (see also John 17:20-21)
 - Humility: Philippians 2:3-8
 - Words that build up: Philippians 2:14-16 (see also Ephesians 4:29)
 - Shared mission: Philippians 2:19-30
6. Philippians 2 is a picture of how the gospel transforms community. Why is Jesus’ redeeming work in the gospel essential for us to live in line with these priorities in our relationships?
7. What is your biggest take-away from what you saw in God’s Word? Why?
8. What other questions or comments do you have about what you looked at in the Bible today?
9. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you’re learning this coming week?
10. **Challenge – Memorize Philippians 2:3-4:** 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.