



LEADER'S NOTES

PHILIPPIANS: RESURRECTED LIFE

The Hymn of Christ

Philippians 2:1-11

Question 1 - as always, will allow your group to interact in general with this week's passage of Scripture. One "twist" for this week is that you have the opportunity to look back at Chapter 1 and see topics that Paul covers that then cause him to use the word "Therefore" at the beginning of Chapter 2. Remember that Chapter divisions were not in the original writings (these were added for ease of reference, some think as early as scribes added them as early as the fourth century. The chapter and verse divisions we see today came about in 1551 in a Greek and Latin edition and then in 1560 for the first time in an English edition). An easy way to remember how to deal with the word "therefore" is to always ask "what it there for".

Question 2- once again addresses the issue of unity and relationships within the Church. Last week's study discussed this topic, so be sure to not move too quickly past this. We have tried to ask questions that approach the topic from a slightly different angle.

Question 3 - looks a living our lives from a Christ-centered perspective. Allow some time for members to talk as they rate their efforts in striving for this focus in their lives. This has the possibility of opening up some deeper discussion too.

Question 4 - looks at the sacrifice made by Jesus in laying down His rights and place as a member of the Godhead. The idea of patience in this situation allows group members to evaluate their attitude towards enduring persecution and challenging life events in a way that trusts God to fulfill his promises, even if it is in the future.

Question 5 - is meant to be a bit different. It incorporates a short prayer time and a re-reading of the final verses of the chapter. It will also open up the opportunity for members to share deeply and ask for accountability for areas in which God has spoken to them about living in Jesus' example.