

Sermon Title: Life in the Kingdom: A Life of Humility

Sermon Scripture: Philippians 2:3-8



## **Sermon Discussion Guide (3/30)**

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

### **Scripture**

Read Philippians 2:3-8 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

### **Observation**

What does it mean to do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit? What does it mean to value others above yourself?

What are the characteristics we are called to have in our relationships with others? What would it look like for someone to display these traits as they interact with other people?

Read Philippians 2:9-11. What was Jesus's reward for committing Himself to a life of humility and obedience to the Father's will?

Read John 3:22-30. Why does John the Baptist desire to become less? How does this verse demonstrate John the Baptist's humility?

## **Application**

Chasing after greatness can be seen through a desire to be the best or to earn approval from others. Why do you think that it is so tempting to live a life chasing after greatness? What is the greatest challenge you have to being faithful to serving an audience of One?

What metrics do you use to measure success in your life? Is it your salary, sphere of influence, or the number of compliments you get from others? Or is it the way that you are growing in surrender, obedience, and love to God? What do the ways you assess yourself reveal to you about your priorities?

As you reflect on your motivations for why you make certain decisions, in what area of your life are you seeking greatness over faithfulness to God? How can you surrender this desire to God so that you can live a life of faithfulness and humility?

One of the ways that we can live a life of humility is through serving others. How is God calling you to humble yourself and serve someone else? What is one step you will take this week to respond to this call?

## **Prayer**

Praise God for the humility of His Son, Jesus who willingly chose to come to earth and to suffer and die on a criminal's cross for our sake. Ask God for forgiveness for any sin you have been convicted of during this time. Thank God for His grace that continues to work within us and that teaches us how to be faithful in following Him more closely. Ask God to show us what we need to let go of in our own kingdoms so that we can live as faithful servants in His Kingdom.