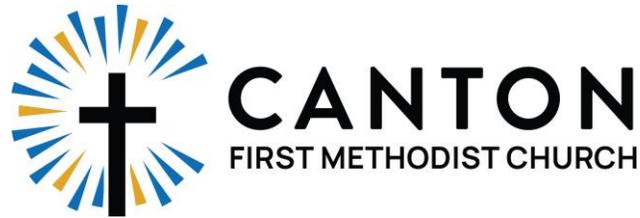


Sermon Title: The Way of the Cross: Walk in Obedience

Sermon Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11



Sermon Discussion Guide (3/08)

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 2:5-11 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

How do these verses show Jesus trusting the Father? How do they show Jesus surrendering His life to the Father?

What specific actions does Jesus take in order to choose obedience to the Father's will? What do these actions reveal about the character or heart of Jesus?

What do these verses reveal to us about the relationship between obedience/humility and exaltation (being raised up)? How do these verses go against or correct cultural understandings of how one achieves success?

Read Matthew 28:18-20. In these verses, what does Jesus say is involved in making a disciple?

Application

In your life, what makes it the hardest for you to obey Jesus? In other words, what challenges or temptations feel the hardest to overcome in order for you to live in obedience?

How does the promise of God raising up those who surrender to Him encourage you in your walk of obedience? How does this promise increase your trust in God?

Pastor Kenny closed his sermon by asking us two questions: A) What has the Spirit already told you to do that you have delayed? B) Do you trust the Father enough to take the next step even if you cannot yet see the outcome? How would you answer these two questions?

This week, we are invited to abide in Christ through obedience. Before you begin each day, pray “Father, not my will, but Yours be done” and then ask God what step of obedience He is inviting You to take today. Make plans for specifically when you will take time to pray this prayer and to listen to God’s voice in response.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, We thank You for Your perfect obedience. You humbled Yourself even to death on a cross. And because of Your obedience, we have life. We confess that obedience does not come easily for us. There are places in our lives where we hesitate and try to hold on to control. Forgive us, Lord. Give us a mind that trusts the goodness of the Father. And give us faith to believe that in Your Kingdom, nothing surrendered in obedience is ever wasted. Lead us to trust You, to follow You, and to walk in obedience all the days of our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.