

## Philippians Discussion Questions 10.08.17

### Leader Prep Section

Take time before your small group meeting to prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select 4-5 questions that are best suited to your group.

Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.

When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

### **Hook - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.**

1. Have you ever been told that you remind someone of your mom or dad? Tell the story.

### Background

In the letter to Philippi 1:27 through 2:18 stands as one large section. It contains a string of 7 commands that unite the entire section. The big idea of the section is for the community to live in humble unity for the sake of their mission in the world. Their life together should “shine like stars in the sky” leading others to the truth of Jesus.

The center of this section, 2:5 – 11, focuses on the life of Jesus and how Christians are meant to live like him. This passage describing Jesus is critical for the rest of the letter. Echoes of it are throughout the letter and Paul continually views his life experience through the lens of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. (See for example 3:1 - 14)

Read Philippians 2:5 – 11

### Questions

#### **Book - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.**

1. How would you summarize the “mindset” of Jesus in this passage?
2. List all the actions taken by Jesus in verses 6 – 8. What do you make of this list?
3. How would this vision of Godlikeness have shocked people of the Greco-Roman world?
4. List all the actions taken by God in 9 – 11. What do you make of this list?
5. What would this section have meant for how people thought about human rules, masters, and Caesars?

#### **Look - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.**

1. Who in your life does this passage remind you of? How so?
2. What would a small group that truly tried to live this way look like? How do you feel about that description?
3. What would a church that truly pursued this look like to the city it was in?

#### **Took - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.**

4. What is your “roman citizenship”?
5. Where are you unseen?
6. What do you find challenging or disturbing about this passage?
7. What is the good news in this passage for you this week?

### Closing

Consider choosing to memorize this passage of Scripture together as a group