

Called to Humility

Philippians 2:1-11

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction

- a. Something New!

II. Hear the Call

- a. Paul's Situation
- b. Their Situation
- c. Paul's Solution

III. Understand the Call

- a. What did he say? *Tapeinophrosyne*
 - i. A willingness to be humiliated in the eyes of the world
 - ii. Embracing selfless service for the sake of loving kindness
 - iii. A rejection of the world's standards of honor and shame
 - iv. A rejection of self-promotion and using power for selfish ends
 - v. Identifying with the least and the lowly
 - vi. Trusting in God's evaluation even if this means that we will be brought low by the world

- b. Why did he say it?

IV. Follow Jesus

- a. Action more than thoughts
- b. Love more than reputation

V. Conclusion: Live by Faith in God

The biblical call of humility is the loving decision to disregard the benefits and privileges of our power and status for self-ish ends, deploy our resources and influence for the good of others, and scorning any shame or rejection from the world as we trust in God's promise to lift us up to share in His glory.

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together:

1. If you were stranded and needed someone to help you, who would you turn to? Why?
2. What do you really appreciate when you experience authentic humility?

Reflecting on the Message Together:

1. Read Philippians 2:1-11. What stands out to you from this Scripture passage?
2. Why was humility counter-cultural in Paul's day? How is following Jesus in humility counter-cultural today?
3. What do you find challenging about the biblical call to humility?
4. What do you find attractive or inspiring about the biblical call to humility?
5. How did God speak to you through the message?
6. How can we pray for one another?