



**Reference: *Philippians 2:1-13***

## **INTRODUCTION**

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This week we will be continuing our conversation about how we can move past the pursuit of happiness to the experience of joy. Today specifically we will be looking at how humility leads to joy.

## **MAIN POINT**

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This week we will be discussing the importance of humility in the life of the believer. We will look at the role it should play in community, the example of humility that Jesus set and how it plays out in our becoming more like Christ.

## **ICE BREAKER**

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Who is the most humble person you have ever met? What about their life makes you choose them?

## **QUESTIONS**

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- 1.) How would you define humility? What do you think are some misconceptions about what it means to be humble?
- 2.) Pastor John stated that humility combats loneliness with community. How in vv.1-4 does Paul continually teach his readers of the importance of community?
- 3.) He also said that humility will always elevate others. How is this message different from what the world tells us? How can you elevate others in your life?
- 4.) The second big idea we learned was that Humility embraces the Mind of Christ as the goal. In v.5-11 Paul describes how this mindset was fleshed out in the life of Christ. What are some things that stand out to you?
- 5.) In v.6-11 we see how Jesus' humility led him to make sacrifices and to be obedient to what God had called him to. Are you being obedient and sacrificial in your life? Where are some areas where it is harder to embrace Christ's mindset than others?
- 6.) Humility also welcomes the Life-Altering Work of God. Read v.12-13, Pastor John emphasized what Paul wrote here, that this life- altering work is ultimately whose? Why is this hard for us to believe sometimes?
- 7.) Pastor John closed by saying that Humility to God will always result in surrender and submission to God. What are some things/situations/possessions/relationships/ behaviors that you might need to surrender to God believing that He can and will change your life?

**For Further Reading: *Gal. 6:2 ; John 5:18, 10:38, 14:9 ; 1 Peter 5:5-6***