



Part 2: Humility

Perhaps the most dangerous of all vices is pride. It can be a quiet destroyer of joy, peace and relationship. Fortunately, Jesus not only taught us, but embodied the antidote for us.

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

Bottom Line: Jesus was not disguising who God is, but revealing who God is.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever experienced really good service (maybe at a great restaurant, hotel or somewhere else)? What made it so great? How did it feel to be served like that? Have you ever receive really bad service? What made it so bad? What was the difference between the two?
2. Read Philippians 2:1-11. Define in your own words the selfish ambition and vain conceit that Paul mentions in verse 6. What are common ways that these mindsets are expressed in our culture? In what ways do you find yourself falling into those traps?
3. Do you think that these prideful mindsets have consequences in our lives? What do you think are some of the results of this kind of selfish approach to life?
4. Jesus did not count equality with God something to be grasped. What are some things that you tend to cling to (ex: material things, titles, recognition, praise, etc.)? What do you think it would feel like to not have to hold so tightly to those things?
5. Read the description of Christ's humility and how God exalted him. What stands out to you in this powerful description of Jesus? What would it look like for us to practice this kind of humility? Are there ways that you think this way of living could be abused by others? How? How do you think you can serve other people without being taken advantage of?
6. What are some of the things that keep you from serving people in everyday situations? Do you ever feel like you're too important, too busy, too focused, too hurried, or too self involved to serve others? How could you change your perspective and embrace the mind of Christ?

Moving Forward

Where in your life are there opportunities for you to practice living out the mindset of Christ? How can you prepare yourself to be ready to serve when these opportunities come?