



Sermon Questions

February 1st, 2026 | Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11 – Joyful Humility

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Write down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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- 2.
- 3.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these passages that trace the theme of humility throughout the scriptures:

- Deuteronomy 8:1-10
- Proverbs 15:33; 18:12
- Isaiah 53:1-12
- John 13:1-17
- Romans 12:3-13
- James 4:6-10

Core Questions

1. Why is the Philippian church's unity tied up with Paul's joy in verses 1-2? What does this show about the power of the gospel in church community?
2. We know that one member of the body of Christ is not more significant than another. So, what do verses 3-4 mean when they call us to "count others more significant" than ourselves?
3. Is Paul saying never to look after our own interests in verse 4? How does that clarify how we are to think about biblical humility?
4. There are key doctrinal truths about the incarnation of Christ in this passage. However, the focus of Paul in verses 5-8 is practical. How does Christ serve as our model for humility?
5. The movement in this passage is from humility to exaltation. How do verses 9-11 serve as an encouragement when practicing Christlike humility is anything but easy?

Inward Grace in Action

1. We are called to live lives of radical humility in this passage. How does the gospel provide the resources (honor, love, fatherly care) for us to live in humility every day?

Outward Grace in Action

1. What would your family, friends, or CG look and feel like if everyone looked to others' interests as well as their own? What's one step toward that that you can take this week?

Scripture Memory Challenge:

During this sermon series, our challenge to you and your CG is to memorize Philippians 2:5-11. This is the heart of the entire letter that will equip us to live with resilient joy.

Serve: Our annual Pancakes, Putt-Putt and Pajamas is coming up on Saturday February 7th. This is not only a great time for our church family, but an opportunity to serve many in our community who don't know Christ. Help lead a game or join a pancake-making team — we'd love for you to be a part of our crew bringing joy to kids. Contact Mary Palekas at mpalekas@mcleanpres.org to learn more!

Look Ahead: Next week we will continue in our sermon series on the book of Philippians. The scripture passage will be Philippians 2:12-18 where we will see how the Apostle Paul calls us to live in joyful obedience.

For Families: Ideas of how to keep the conversation going at home, in the car, or around the dinner table:

1. **A - Ask about the message:** Ask your children about times they like to go first at school, at home, or when playing. Help them notice how much we naturally want to be first.
2. **S – Share your thoughts:** Share how on the cross, Jesus put our needs first. He forgave our sin and brought us into relationship with God. Because Jesus loves and cares for us, we don't have to fight to be first, but instead we can put others first.
3. **K – Keep it going:** Take time to think of one or two ways you can put others first this week (sharing with siblings, listening while others are speaking, helping without being asked) Then pray and ask the Lord to give you the mind of Christ and help put others first through the power of the Holy Spirit.