

PHILIPPIANS

Four week study.

WEEK TWO

Teaching Notes:

SMALL GROUPS

Take some time and answer these questions in your small group. Some will be application questions from your homework, so it may help to reference that.

- What stood out to you the most this week while going through Philippians 2 or from the homework?

- What stood out to you from the teaching time?

SECTION 1 - Philippians 2:1-5

Read this section together as a group.

- Take some time as a group and give examples of where you have seen any of the following at work - either in your personal life or at Wellspring:
 - Encouragement in Christ, comfort from love, participation in the Spirit, affection and sympathy, and unity

- Where in your life do you find it most difficult to put verses 3-4 into practice? What are some “telltale signs” you are not counting others as more significant than yourself?

- What steps could you take to pursue living out verses 3-4? What encouragement can you give one another as you seek to apply this part of scripture to your lives?

SECTION 2 - Philippians 2:5-11

Read this section together as a group.

- What stood out to you most about who Christ is and his position/attitude from this section?

- **(From Homework)** How does the knowledge of who Christ is impact the way you view yourself and the way you live your life worthy of the gospel?

SECTION 3 - Philippians 2:12-30

Read verses 12-18 together as a group.

Questions from Day 3 Homework

- What is hardest for you when it comes verses 11-18: Obedience (12-13), positive steadfastness (14-16), or personal joy (17-18)
 - What steps could you take to strengthen that area?
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- In verse 16 Paul calls the Philippians to “hold fast to the word of life” : what does this look like in your life? What could you change/add?

- Paul encourages the Philippians to rejoice over and over and recounts his own joy - all the while he’s imprisoned in Rome! How does this challenge you? What does this bring to mind for you?

CLOSING - Do this when you get the 10 min warning

Take some time to pray together as a group - about the things you talked about tonight and for any other prayer requests.