

# WEEK ONE - HOMEWORK

*At some point during the week, read all of Philippians start to finish. We'll do this each week as it will help us get more and more familiar with the book.*

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## **Day 1** - Quick Review of Ch. 1 & Philippians 2:1-5

*Remember the Bible is a book about God and not us*

**Go back through Chapter 1 and highlight references to God/Jesus.** (Don't forget appropriate pronouns)

Looking at the places you highlighted:

**What does Ch. 1 tell us about who God is/what He does?**

(hint: I looked at vv. 2, 6, 11, 19, 20, 28 - but there could be more)

**Read all of Philippians 2** (You can read all of Philippians if you're feeling spicy)

Today we're zeroing in on Philippians 2:1-5

Paul starts in verse 1 with the word "so" - this is another transition word to be aware of. If you need to - look back at the last part of Chapter 1 to bridge the gap, so you can understand what Paul's "so" is in reference to.

**In verse 1 - what are the 4 things that Paul sees are present and points out to the Philippians?**

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**What does Paul exhort the Philippians to do in light of these conditions? (v.2)**

**He goes on to encourage them with a few more imperatives in verses 3 & 4 - what are they?**

**To help us better understand 3-4 look up these verses in a couple different translations online and write some alternate definitions or words that help you understand the meaning.**

**In verse 5, Paul encourages them once again to have “this mind among yourselves”, but how is this possible according to the end of the verse?**

## APPLICATION - Day 1

- What does this passage say about God? (His character, what he does) *don't forget all the members of the Trinity - Father, Son/Jesus, Spirit*
  
  - What does this passage say about you?
  
  - Spend some time praying through and asking God to reveal areas in your life where you can put Philippians 2:3-4 into practice.
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### **Day 2** - Philippians 2:5-11

*This passage and today's homework will take a deep dive into Jesus - his character, what he has done, and what he will do. Buckle up - it's awesome!*

**Read Philippians 2:5-11**

**Read through verses 6-8, but as you go start to write everything we learn about Jesus below:**

**How would you describe the “mind of Christ” we are called to have based on these observations?**

**What questions do you have after reading this section?**

**Take some time to look up these passages and record any notes that add to your understanding of this section.**

- **Mark 10:45 -**
- **John 1:1,14 -**
- **2 Corinthians 8:9 -**
- **Hebrews 1:2-3 -**
- **Hebrews 2:17 -**

*Read verses 9-11*

**Record what else you learn about Christ in this passage below:**

**How do you see Jesus and the Father interacting in this section?**

**Where are you in verses 9-11? What will you be doing one day according to this passage?**

## A P P L I C A T I O N - Day 2

- Take some time to just praise God for who he is and what he has done.
  - If you want more scripture to guide your time - head to Colossians 1:15-20
  
- 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?

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### **Day 3** - Philippians 2:12-30

*Today's section is a bigger chunk of text, but some of it is more background on some key people in Paul's ministry.*

**Read verses 12-18** - In this section Paul is going to give us some application from the last section.



- **Take some time to write down anything of note that you learn about Paul, Timothy, Epaphroditus, or the Philippians from this section:**

## APPLICATION - Day 3

- 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?
- 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?