

Agape Community Fellowship Church
Wednesday Night Bible Study Lesson

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Adult Lesson: Philippians 2:1-11 – Imitating Christ

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Overview. Circumstances may cause us to lose our joy, but *people* can also bring trials that rob us of joy. How many times we lose our peace and joy because of what people say or do. The best remedy to overcome these trials is to have the mind of Christ. Pride is the cause of much unrest and contention (read James 4), but humility brings peace and joy. Paul describes the humility Christ displayed as our example to bring about unity among true believers.

Open It

1. When was the last time you had a squabble with a family member?

2. *How much of a peacemaker are you?

Explore It

3. *What four qualities mark unity with Christ, and how can Christians show their unity in Christ in practical ways? (2:1-2)

4. *What did Paul say about self-centeredness? (2:3-4)

5. What did Paul exhort believers to have, and what did Christ set aside when He became a man? (2:5-8)

6. How was Christ fully God and fully man at the same time, and how is Christ the best example of humility and unselfishness for us? (2:6-8)

7. Why did Christ take on the limitations of being human even though He was of the same nature as God? (2:7)

8. How did God exalt Jesus? (2:9) How should we exalt Jesus?

9. How did Christ win sovereignty over all people and over everything, and what confession will every person eventually make? (2:10-11)

Get It

10. How does your life show that you count on Christ?

11. How do petty quarrels hold you back in your Christian walk?

12. How can Christ help you keep peace with others?

13. What hinders unity in your church?

14. What kind of character does Christ want us to have?

15. How does Christ's example of humility challenge our natural self-centeredness?

Apply It

16. *What practical steps can you take this week to demonstrate humility in your relationships?

17. For the sake of unity in Christ, what petty squabbles should you clear up right away? How?