

WEEK 2 DEVOTIONAL

WORTHY: Living Your Best Life NOW

RECEIVE

Slowly. Prayerfully, read and/or listen to Philippians 2:1-11, two times. Before and after each reading pray asking the Spirit of Christ to guide you into knowing and living what you are receiving from the Scriptures.

REFLECT

- 1. Verses 1-2: What is the opening concern in this passage? Why does Paul plead for the Philippians to be of "one mind" in "full accord"? What is he worried about?
- 2. Verse 3: How does Paul advise the church to accomplish his goal for them? What are the roadblocks?
- 3. On a scale of 1 As natural as breathing to 10 Extremely Difficult How easy is it for you to live out verses 3-4. When does it become harder or easier?
- 4. We are all beloved children of God, why would Paul ask the church to do this "relative comparison" thing—others more important, more significant? What is he asking them to do?
- Verses 1-5: We can read this but really how is this lived in your daily life.Spend a few moments breaking down the passage giving
- 6. practical ways to actually live like this in your daily life. It will be to your benefit to be as specific as possible with your examples.

- 7. Verses 5-11: Paul uses Christ as the model, the example. How would this work in community "having this mind among yourselves"? What kind of church do you think that would be? Write a list of 5 attributes you think might result from a community with this kind of mind and heart set in common.
- 8. Verses 6-8: How is Jesus the best example of humility and unselfishness for us?
- 9. Verse 8. How would you describe Christ's obedience in your own words? Knowing Paul is calling us to this same type of obedience what does your life need to live into this high calling?
- 10. Paul's words clearly lead us to his concern for dis-unity in the body. Have you ever thought of that as a priority among us—I mean a top-of-the-list priority for our church community? What difference would it make within our church? What difference would it make to our presence outside the church?

RESPOND

Turn this inspiring and challenging passage into a prayer. Work through each section or verse of the passage rewriting it as a prayer asking the Holy Spirit for the grace and ability to live a life worthy - a life that is reflecting the way of Jesus as described here. Share these prayers with us! Post on the Grow Facebook Page or send to Pastor Eric Haskins:

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RESOURCES

Great, short, video overview of Philippians by The Bible Project

