

Value One Another

Sunday, March 22, 2015

Phil 2:1-11

The Story of Jesus

An Early Christian Song

Paul is quoting here, Using to make a point

A Story About Jesus

God → Emptied → Humbled → Exalted

An Important Passage

What Early Christians Believed about Jesus

Mindset

Being Like Jesus ... In what way?

The **Mindset** reflected in the ... Incarnation, Cross

What You Have

- United with Christ – Encouragement
- His Love – Comfort
- Sharing in the Spirit – Common

This Produces

- Tenderness, Compassion
- Unity, Humility, Love

Others

Focus on Others

- Value Others
- Look to Other's Interests

An Experiment!

- Consciously consider others ...
- Certainly Counter-Cultural
- Probably Counter-Intuitive
- Will require deliberate action

What Could This Look Like?

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Kicking off your Time Together

Ice Breaker

Go around the circle, introduce yourselves, and answer this question: Who is someone you know who is very thoughtful toward others?

Opening Prayer

Have one or two open in prayer asking God to be present and to direct your time.

What Did you Bring?

Did you bring anything to share to encourage the group? (consider 1 Cor 14:26 as the pattern for this part of the meeting)

Read Some Passages about Forgiving Others

Have several people read a paragraph from this passage:

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Discuss a few of these questions:

What is Jesus' "life story" according to vs. 6-11?

What have we received because of what Jesus has done (vs 1-2)? In what ways have you personally experienced these things?

In what way are Christians to be like Jesus?

In light of all this, how are we to treat each other? What are some practical ways this could be done?

Pray for Each Other

In light of all that has been shared, pray for each other. You may want to share specific requests.