

# LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## 2-4-07 - "The Philippi Church of Christ – More Humility"

**OPEN:** Tell a story about when you were absolutely sure you were right about something, but found out you were wrong.

- What did that feel like?
- How did you respond? How could you have responded differently (for better or worse)?

**DIG & APPLY**– Read Philippians 2:1-11

Vs. 1-2 – Verse 1 would be better translated, "*Since you have encouragement... comfort... fellowship...*" because Paul is asking them for something based on what he knows they *have* experienced through each other from Christ.

- How do you currently experience encouragement, comfort, and fellowship? Be specific.
- If that got "broken" or "threatened" or "dis-unified"...what do you imagine it would take to find unity again?

Vs. 3-4 – If you were to take everything in your life that you do and put them into one of the two categories listed below (and by these verses), what percentage of your life's workings would go on each side?

Things I do for my interests | Things I do for others interests

- What would you like it to be?
- How could become that?

Vs. 5-8 – Paul didn't tell them simply to have unity; he told them the means to attain it. **MORE HUMILITY.**

- Evaluate yourselves with this "humility checklist" as a group and discuss.
  - When I'm in conversations, I'm in them to hear the other persons' feelings, happenings, and perspectives.
  - When I share about my life, I include my shortcomings and struggles.
  - I genuinely believe the best about all people, even when they don't believe it or act like it themselves. (see Titus 3:1-2)
  - I accept my hardships and struggles as a means for my own personal growth.
  - With people I really disagree with, I desire to "earn my right to be heard" with them more than "winning the argument" with them.
  - I am still learning new things.
  - I believe that I have more to learn than I have to teach.
  - When I have something to teach, I offer it freely, patient rather than offended when someone won't hear it from me.
  - I look for ways to exalt others in their areas of strength.
  - If you asked someone, they would describe me as humble.

Vs. 9-10 – What happened to Jesus when he lived in humility?

- Will this same thing happen to us when we live in humility?
- How can you tell the difference between humility and "allowing yourself to get run over"?

**PRAY:** Pray that each one in your group learn to have Christ's humility.