

Think Like Jesus, Live Like Jesus

Philippians 2:1-5

Big Idea: Think like Jesus, live like Jesus. The gospel transforms our hearts so we're no longer living for ourselves. Humble yourself, count others more significant, look to their interests. We can only do this through Christ's power. Go back to the cross daily. Jesus died for moments when we fail.

Key Takeaways:

1. Jesus has poured and continues to pour into our lives, giving us the resources we need to live for Him.
2. We are called to live united in Christ, unselfishly, without pride, and with humble hearts.
3. The gospel transforms our hearts so we are no longer living for ourselves but for others.
4. We need to constantly return to the gospel and rely on the Holy Spirit's power to live out these truths.

Scriptures:

- ☐ John 15
- ☐ Mark 10:35-45
- ☐ 1 Peter 5:5
- ☐ Matthew 22:37-39
- ☐ Philippians 3:10

Opening Question:

Can you share a time when someone went out of their way to support or uplift you, and how it made a difference in your life?

Discussion Questions:

The sermon began by discussing how Jesus fills our "buckets." How has Jesus encouraged, comforted, or shown affection to you recently?

Paul talks about being united in Christ. What are some practical ways we can foster unity within our church community?

The sermon mentioned selfish ambition and conceit as barriers to Christ-like living. Can you share an example of when you struggled with these attitudes and how you overcame them?

How does the story of Catherine Wright (sister of the Wright brothers) exemplify the selfless service Paul calls us to in Philippians 2?

Pastor Tim mentioned that humility isn't thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less. How can we cultivate this kind of humility in our daily lives?

Reflect on Jesus' words in Mark 10:35-45. How does Jesus' example of servanthood challenge our natural inclinations?

The sermon emphasized the importance of "looping back to the gospel" daily. What does this look like in practice, and why is it crucial for living out these truths?

Practical Applications:

1. Daily Scripture Reading: Commit to reading Philippians 2:1-11 every day this week, praying through it and reflecting on its implications for your life.
2. Selfless Service: Choose one way to serve someone else this week without expecting anything in return. Be prepared to share your experience with the group next time.
3. Unity Exercise: Reach out to a fellow believer you may have had disagreements with in the past. Seek to understand their perspective and work towards reconciliation.
4. Humility Check: At the end of each day this week, reflect on your interactions. Identify moments where you put others first and areas where you struggled with pride.
5. Gospel Reminder: Place a physical reminder (like a small cross or a note) somewhere you'll see it daily to prompt you to "loop back to the gospel" and remember what Jesus has done for you.
6. Group Prayer: Close your meeting by praying for each other, asking God to help you think more like Jesus and live more like Him in the coming week.

Closing Thought/Prayer:

Reflect on where you need Christ's humility and strength to love and serve others, and pray for His Spirit to transform and unite your heart with His purpose.
