

## Philippians 2:1-11

### Imitating Christ for Real

#### Reading of Philippians 2:1-11

### Remembering What we Have Experienced With Christ

#### Philippians 2:1

**Discussion Point: Can you share a meaningful experience you have had in your relationship with God?**

### The Completion of Joy Includes Others

#### Philippians 2:2

- This is not just a completion of Paul's joy but God's joy
- Christ came to give a complete joy that includes a vertical and a horizontal relationship - to love God with all that you are and love others as you love yourself
- God want us to **be** this not just do this
- United in spirit with a single purpose (Mounce Reverse Interlinear New Testament)
- Our Single Purpose is to Live for the Glory of God
  - So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. **1 Corinthians 10:31**
  - The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. **Romans 6:10**

## Two Different Ways to Approach Relationships

### Philippians 2:3-4

- Battle Between the Flesh and the Spirit
  - Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other. **Galatians 5:24-26**
- **Humility is a Decision to Trust God -James 4:10**  
Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

### Follow Christ Example

#### Philippians 2:5-8

- Did not use His position to serve Himself
- Humbled Himself
- Obedience is the pathway to humility
- Deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him

### Follow the Example Jesus Gave Us

#### Luke 10:30-35

### God Exalted Him In Due Time / Let God Lift You Up

#### Philippians 2:9-11

**What action or change can you make as a result of hearing God's Word?**