



Study Guide

Philippians 2:1-11

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1. Reading verses 1 and 2, there is an “if, then” statement. What is Paul trying to say here?
2. What do the “if” statements show about the heart he expects from the people he is writing to (and us)?
3. In the “then” statement, Paul says, “then make my joy complete...”. Why do you think Paul says this?
4. Read verse 3 and the following verses:
Romans 12:3, 16; James 4:6, 10; Luke 14:11
In verse 3, what are the two motives Paul says to avoid? How do these two motivations show up in our actions?
5. In one word, summarize what Paul is asking of the church in verses 2-4. Why did you choose that word?

6. Paul wants the church to understand that “Jesus Christ is Lord.” What is the difference between Jesus being our Savior and Jesus being our Lord?
7. What does “Jesus is Lord” look like in your life? In what area(s) have you struggled to give Him “Lordship”?
8. Paul gives us the ultimate example of humility and right motivation from verses 5-11. Who is this ultimate example?
9. Read verses 5-11 again. How does Jesus show His humility and how does God respond to it?

For next week: Read Philippians 2:12-30

