

# PHILIPPIANS: THE JESUS SONG

*Life Group Questions | Sunday, May 3, 2020*

Do you have a competitive spirit? What's a game you like to watch or play? In what areas of life do you find yourself most seeking to come out on top?

**Read Philippians 2:1-11.** The central theme and challenge in the letter to the Philippians is to live in a manner worthy of the gospel. How do you see this passage relating to that central challenge? What qualities of a "gospel citizen" can you identify?

**Philippians 2:6-11** is often referred to as the Christ Hymn. In this "Jesus Song," Paul reveals the mindset and lifestyle he wants the Philippians to model. He does it by painting a brief picture of Jesus *descending to greatness*. Re-read the "Jesus Song" line by line. Savor the words and let your imagination kick in. What stands out to you in this song about Jesus? What moves you? What questions do you have?

This Jesus Song is primarily about the humility of Jesus. **Discuss the following statements about humility.** As a group, come up with your own definition of humility.

- Humility is NOT low self-esteem
- Humility is NOT humiliation
- Humility is NOT pretending to be humble
- Humility is NOT having no ambitions
- Humility is NOT putting up with abuse
- Humility IS the choice to put the interests of others ahead of our own interests.
- Humility IS the choice to "go low" and entrust our lives to God.

Describe a person in your life who embodies humility. What about the way they live inspires you? Intrigues you?

Name one area in your life where you think God is inviting you into deeper humility? What is getting in the way of you embracing that invitation?

**Pray for one another, bringing to God the barriers that keep us from embracing Christ-like humility.**