

WHITE HOT

Context

Joy is an unmistakable theme throughout Paul's letter to the Philippians. This is remarkable because it's written by a man in a prison waiting to find out if he'd live or die. Each sermon in this series unpacks how it's possible for joy to be so evident in Paul's life. The passage for this study and Sunday's sermon is one that points to humility as one answer to this question.

Read all of chapter one and the first eleven verses of chapter two before answering the following questions.

Questions for Study

1. Who have you known who's modeled humility for you? How have they done this?
2. Reviewing last Sunday's sermon from Philippians 1:12-26, what was it that defined life for the apostle Paul? (It's very important to know what this is before preceding with this study.)
3. Why is it necessary for us to have the right definition for our own lives before we'd be willing to do what he writes in this week's passage?
4. What gives Paul hope that the Philippians will persevere through their own suffering for Christ? (1:27-30) In chapter two, verses 1 & 2, he mentions that it would give him joy to see it in the Philippians.
5. What statement does he make in these same verses (1:27-30) which shows how aware people are of what we do as followers of Christ?
6. Write down your definition of humility.
7. According to what Paul writes in chapter two, verses 3 & 4, how would he define humility?
8. When are you finding it most challenging to be humble, as Paul describes humility in verses 3 & 4?
9. Paul writes in verse 5 of chapter two, "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." He then gives us a comprehensive and concise summary of Christ's humility. Read verses 5-11 and write down everything you learn about Jesus Christ.