

Sermon Reflection and Discussion Questions – Philippians 2: 5-11

1. What influences the way you view others? Is it their behavior, their likability, or what you think you can gain from them? Philippians 2: 5-11 offers another way: As you think about others, let your perspective be formed by your shared identity in Christ” Ask God to renew and redeem your thinking about others by forming in you “the mind of Christ”
2. Does seeing Christ leave the magnificence of His glory with the Father and come down to our sinful, fallen earth to take on a fleshly body, and serve like a slave, and die on an old rugged cross humble you? Do you stand amazed, in awe of what the Son did to glorify His Father, and what the Father did to glorify His Son?
3. What motivates obedience to Christ? Is it how you feel when you wake up? Is it because everyone else is doing it? Is it because you want to look good around others? How does the cross of Christ produce an obedient heart? Why should we always live our lives at the foot of the cross?
4. “The Father delights to honor the Son for the Son’s accomplishment of His redemptive mission on the cross, and the honor bestowed upon the Son displays in even greater fullness the glory of the Father.”

What has God called us to do on this journey of following Christ? Delight in the Son, and Glorify the Father. It really is that simple. If our hearts are captivated by Christ, if we give honor and praise to Jesus, we are in turn giving glory and honor to the Father at the same time.