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Christlike Humility – Philippians 2:3-11

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Micah 6:8

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How do we cultivate a Christlike Humility?

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2. Put down _____ (v. 6)
3. Seek to _____ (v. 7)
4. _____ Christ as Lord (vv. 9-11)

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For more on Humility:

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John 13:1-17
Colossians 3:12
I Peter 5:5-6

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Questions based on Sermon from February 26, 2023

Getting to Know Me

1. Look ahead 5 years. Who do you want to become? What character traits would you like God to develop in you?
2. What gift, talent, or attribute do you wish your friend, spouse or child would recognize in themselves?

Digging Deeper

3. What was something new, helpful or challenging from Sunday's message?
4. In your own words, how would you define humility?
5. Phil explained "humility" as a synonym of honesty – we see God for who he is, and we see ourselves for who we are. What does this mean? How does this shape how we see ourselves and help us grow in humility?
6. Read Philippians 2:3-11. What actions did Christ take which demonstrated His humility? What did God do as a result?
7. What are some practical things you can do in your day-to-day life to "value others above yourself" (v. 3)?

8. Read Proverbs 22:4 and 1 Peter 5:5-6. How do these verses expand your definition of humility? Describe what is promised to those practicing humility.
9. Colossians 3:12 says we are to clothe ourselves with "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." What do you think it means to clothe yourself with humility? Do you think you need to practice humility to become humble?
10. How does worshipping God and serving others fit into your definition of humility?

Where Do I Go from Here?

11. Each morning this week, ask God to open your eyes to see someone you can serve in his name and with his love. Then step out in faith and serve them with humility. Journal your experiences and share them with your Growth Group next week.
12. Think of someone you know who practices servant leadership, or who you see as living out Christlike humility. What does he or she do that leads you to recognize this character trait? If possible, ask them to share with you how they learned to become humble.

Close in Prayer

Spend some time with at least one other person *praising God* for who he is and *inviting God* to show you opportunities to grow in Christlike humility this week. Thank the Lord for Jesus' beautiful example of such humility.

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