



Sermon Discussion Questions

The Difference Jesus Makes // Philippians 2:1-4

- Can you think of a time when someone's "selfish ambition" or "empty conceit" (the desire to be noticed, get ahead, have the last word, etc.) caused conflict? What happened? How did that feel? When have you "won" in a situation like that and regretted it? Why?
- Paul talks about "empty conceit" or "vainglory." Is all pursuit of glory or recognition empty and vain? Why or why not?
- What tends to give you a sense of significance, accomplishment, identity, pride? Is that always a bad thing? What makes it good or bad?
- Read Phil 2:1. What difference does Jesus make for us? What has he given us in the gospel? How have you experienced those realities?
- How does your experience of those realities in 2:1 lead to the expressions of unity and humility in 2:2-4?
- What is one area where you struggle to put others' interests ahead of your own? How does God's kindness, encouragement, fellowship, comfort, and affection to you help you show the same things in that area where you struggle?

Spend some time in prayer praising God for his goodness to you in the gospel and praying specifically how you can model to the others the same blessings you've received through Christ.

