



Sermon Discussion Questions

The Downward Call // Philippians 2:5-11

- Have you ever experienced a radical “conversion” that reoriented the way you thought about the world?
- How does Paul’s command to “think like Jesus” strike you? Difficult? Impossible? Easy?
- What do you think it would take for you to learn to think like Jesus? Can you describe how Jesus thinks?
- What old habits of thinking do you need to submit to Jesus?
- In Philippians 2 Paul gives us the example of Jesus, who was God, continually moving downward, toward us. How do you think God is calling us to be like Jesus in that downward progression?
- How does Jesus’s example of emptying himself lead you to empty yourself for others?
- How does Jesus’s example of obedience — even to the point of death — lead you to obedience to God?
- In what ways is Jesus better than any other “lord” or ruler or authority you have experience with?
- Pastor Joey summarized Jesus’s example as one of “radical self-donation.” Do you agree? How does Jesus’s example call you to a similar form of self-donation?
- Are you following Jesus because you hope he will meet your need to be exalted? Or are you following Jesus’s downward call of humility?

