

Sunday, August 6, 2023 - "Passages - Week 2 - Philippians 2:1-11" - Jordan Crawford

Key Passages: Philippians 2:1-11, John 17:23, Acts 6:1

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Our world is divided but that is not what God intended...His desire is for us to have unity like the Father and Son
- John 17:23 - Perfectly one...that the world would know (when we are HUMBLE we are united)
- Church of Philippi
 - Roman city (they were proud to be Roman)
 - Paul started this church
 - He called them to "contend as one" as citizens of Heaven
- Philippians are already IN CHRIST → be of one mind/heart/purpose
- Because we have been welcomed we can welcome others
- Selfish ambition and pride are toxic to unity
- One joy, heart and mind
 - NOT everyone be and think the same about all things
 - Be who you are...submit that to Christ in unity
 - Like a symphony...different instruments for common purpose
- Cain attitude vs. Christ attitude
 - Jesus freely gave...he didn't "hoard" his divinity
 - Became a man...not a ruler, not wealthy...hung out with those who society looked down on
 - Not to be served but to serve
- Jesus shows us that the heart of God is self-giving and others focused - Jordan Crawford
- Christian unity can only grow out of Christ-like humility
- This sounds exhausting
 - Acts 6:1
 - Humility → unity → witness for Christ
 - Remember the Sabbath
 - God sees us. He knows what we're laying down and pouring out
- God will exalt us if we humble ourselves
- We have the ability to love each other because of the Holy Spirit...because God demonstrated his love for us through Jesus

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How have you seen humility help you or someone else to know the love of God?
2. How have you learned to submit who you are to Christ for the sake of unity?
3. How is God calling you to grow in humility?
4. What does it look like for you to have the Christ attitude instead of the Cain attitude?
5. Where do you need to crucify idols of self-centeredness or self-advancement?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this message or passage?

Songs from the weekend:

[Praise - *Elevation Worship*] - [Reason to Praise - *Bethel Music*] - [Only a Holy God - *City Alight*] - [Your Ways - *Grace Worship*]