How is Jesus fully God and fully human at the same time?

How did God exalt Jesus (v. 9)?

How did Christ win sovereignty over all people and everything (v. 10)?

What confession will every person make one day (v. 11)?

How can Jesus help you keep peace with others?

What hinders unity in our church?

What kind of disposition does Christ want us to have?

How does Jesus' example of humility challenge our natural self-centeredness?

What role does confession have in unity in Jesus' church?

GOSPEL CONNECTION
"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9

APPLICATION
For the sake of unity in Christ, what petty squabbles do you need to clear up right away? How will you do that? When?

MEMORY VERSE
"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,
6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."
Philippians 2:5-8

Sermon-Based Study Guide

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Sermon Series:
A Call to Joy

Paul Ewing
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Unity Through Humility

Philippians 2:1-11

1. Humble Unity vv. 1-4

2. The Mind of Christ vv. 5-11

Sermon available at centurybaptist.org/watch/

Community Life Group Sermon-Based Study

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Our desire and goal is for all who call Century Baptist their church home to be involved in a Community Life Group or Bible study. We believe one of the best ways to be fed and exhorted in our faith is to interact with the Sunday sermon. This guide is designed to facilitate interaction by diving into the Sunday message through the study of Scripture together. If you are not in a group, we encourage you to take the step of involvement in community around your faith and the pursuit of faith in Jesus. While this study guide can be used individually, the greatest benefit of growth comes when people are interacting with each other around Biblical truth.

Contact Pastor Paul Herr at 701.223.0478 to learn more about sermon-based community life groups, and leading or hosting a group.

OPENING UP

What role does your attitude play in having unity with others?

INTRODUCTION to *A Life of Joy* series

The letter to the church in Philippi is one of four written from prison (this time he is under house arrest in Rome) by the Apostle Paul. Founded on his second missionary journey, the Philippian Church was the first church established by Paul in Europe(Acts 16). This letter is a thank you for the kindness and generosity shown by the saints there. "It's usually difficult to capture the essence of a letter in one word, but in the case of Philippians, that one word is *joy*. Paul didn't write to answer any profound theological question, solve some knotty practical problem, or deal with a specific sin. Instead, he wrote to express and encourage joy. In a way, the book of Philippians is a showcase of joy. Like a treasure on display in the center of a gallery, joy can be examined from several angles to better appreciate its brilliance. Each of the four chapters reveals one of the distinct facets of that joy."
[Swindoll, C. R. (2017). Philippians, Colossians, Philemon (Vol. 9, p. 11). Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.]

READ Philippians 2:1-11

What was one point or statement from the message that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

What concepts or ideas is the Apostle Paul connecting by the use of the word *therefore* or *so* in verse 1?

Why would the word *since* be a better English translation than *if* in verse 1?

How are the four conditional clauses in verse one spiritual realities and foundational for what Paul is desiring of the Philippian saints?

What are the four elements to Paul's joy *being made complete* (v. 2)?

What does it mean to be *of the same mind* (v. 2)?

How does one *maintain the same love* (v. 2)?

What does being *united in spirit* look like (v. 2)?

How can someone be *intent on one purpose* (v. 2)?

What did Paul say about self-centeredness (vv.3-4)?

List some practical ways to regard others as more important than yourselves.

Identify a few real ways to look out for the interests of others above your own interests.

What does Paul exhort believers in Jesus to have (vs. 5)?

What is the attitude of Jesus Christ (vv. 5-11)?

What did Jesus set aside when He became a man (vv. 6-8)?

What does it mean that Jesus *emptied Himself* (v. 7)?