



Serving others does not come naturally to everyone. While Paul was in prison, he didn't focus on his release. Instead, he focused on uniting the church. Paul longed to see the local church take up the example of Jesus and choose to serve one another. Listen in as Pastor Neal Benson teaches from Philippians 2:1-11 on how to have the mindset of Jesus. Paul wants the church to find the joy of serving Jesus that he has found. In Philippians 2:1-11 he writes a poetic masterpiece that shows the of chiastic structure of Jesus coming to earth, serving people, and ascending back into heaven.

1. Neal shared about the mass shooting in Las Vegas almost four years ago. Many people fled for their lives, but some heroes went back to help save others. What motivates a person to put their life on the line to save strangers?
2. **Read Philippians 2:1-4.** Draw out the different ways Paul wanted the church to be united. Talk about the difference between unity and uniformity. How can we be united with Christ for the advancement of the Gospel?
3. **Look again at Philippians 2:3-4.** As a group take a couple minutes to read **Mark 5.** Look at how Jesus selflessly served the different people He ministered to in this chapter. What stands out to you about looking to the interests of others?
4. Paul encouraged us to have the same mindset as that of Jesus (see Philippians 2:5). **Read John 4:31-34, Luke 7:11-17, Mark 2:1-11, and Matthew 5:1-2.** What do these passages teach us about the mindset of Jesus?
5. **Read Philippians 2:6-8.** Jesus was obedient to death on the cross. Some believers hear about the cross so often that they forget what really happened. **Read Luke 23:26-47.** What do you need to remember about what happened on the cross?
6. Jesus ascended into heaven and sat at the right hand of God. **Read Philippians 2:9-11.** Jesus allowed God to exalt Him. **Read Mark 10:35-45.** Why did the disciples want to exalt themselves? Why do we try to do the same?
7. One day every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord. Share about a time where you saw someone confess salvation in the name of Jesus. Who are you praying for to find hope in the name of Jesus?
8. Close your time in prayer by praying for Child Evangelism Fellowship.