



Sermon Discussion Guide

Upside Down Kingdom: Get Used to Diff't Week 3: What Following Jesus Looks Like Philippians 2:3-15 | July 12, 2020

Big Idea

After we have accepted Christ, we need to increasingly become his followers. That looks like valuing others above ourselves, loving like Jesus, and living at peace with others.

Opening Questions

1. Do you have a favorite Disney movie? If so, what is it and why is it your favorite?
2. If you had all power at your fingertips, what are two things you would do?

General Sermon Thoughts/Questions

1. This weekend's key teaching came from the Book of Philippians. Can you recall any facts about this letter (who was it written to, who wrote it, when was it written, from where was it written)?

Key Scripture Questions

1. Read **Philippians 2:3-4**. In these verses, what is a way in which we are to follow Jesus? What would following Jesus like this look like in a key personal relationship you have (i.e. marriage; parenting, etc.)? What would following him in this way look like at work; at church; in your community?
2. Read **Philippians 2:12-13**. From the sermon, or in your own words, explain what *work out your salvation with fear and trembling* means. Read **John 14:12**. Based on both readings, what is a way in which we are to follow Jesus? What does this tangibly look like in everyday life? Is there a goal you could set for yourself to follow Jesus more closely in this way?
3. Read **Philippians 2:14-15**. This passage implores us to live at peace with others. Based on that verse, what are some key ways one can accomplish and lead in this? Can you think of a real life situation where this is difficult for you? What could you do to follow Jesus more closely in this area?
4. We have looked at a) valuing others above self, b) loving like Jesus, and c) living at peace with others as aspects of how Jesus lived, taught, and that are thus part of what it is to live according to God's Upside-Down Kingdom. Do you see each of these as upside down to the ways of the world? Which comes most naturally to you and which is the biggest struggle?
5. A key concept in the sermon was that a deeper understanding of the Kingdom of God changes how one thinks, speaks, and acts. Even perhaps in the face of tragedy and/or struggle. Have you seen this deeper

understanding impact someone's way of life in these ways, or experienced that yourself?

Application Questions

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon &/or our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to now do?
3. Beyond prayer for each other is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

Prayer Time

Begin your prayer time by reading **Philippians 2:6-11**. Then pray: "Dear Heavenly Father, the love and humility demonstrated by Your Son stand unmatched. We thank You for such love. We thank You for the levels to which He was willing to go to save us from sin and death and to leave us a pattern by which to live. Through Your Holy Spirit we ask that You would help us to follow Jesus more and more in the ways He loved and lived. All for Your glory and so that others see You as they look at us and are thus drawn toward a relationship with You. Amen."