

# *the* TAKE HOME

**Today's Scripture Passage:** Philippians 2:1-11

1 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,<sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **Questions for Reflection & Discussion**

- In verse 1, what motivates you most to adjust your selfish attitudes?
- In your own words, summarize Paul's main point in this passage.
- What do you struggle with most from verses 3-4?
- In verses 5-8, what speaks to you most about Jesus' attitude and actions?
- In verse 11, how does Paul close his speech on Christian unity? Why is this important?

## **Bible Challenge**

- Like an ancient scribe, write this scripture word for word.
- On your electronic device, download "The Bible" app by Life.Church. Go to Philippians and click the audio button at the top right to listen to the book of Philippians all the way through. How does God speak to you through this?
- Reword the passage as if writing to your Christian friends.
- Read the passage in several translations. What do you notice?
- Memorize the series' verse: Philippians 3:12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.
- All done? Try reading/studying the passage for next week: Philippians 2:12-18.