

Philippians

TO LIVE IS CHRIST

LOOK BACK

Care for one another

1. How are you? Share a *highlight* and a *challenge* from your week.

Accountability

2. How did you grow this week? Did you pursue and obey Jesus? In what way?

LOOK UP

1. Read Philippians 2:1-11
2. In speaking about Pride, C.S. Lewis wrote, “Whenever we find that our religious life is making us feel that we are good—above all, that we are better than someone else—I think we may be sure that we are being acted on, not by God, but by the devil. The real test of being in the presence of God is, that you either forget about yourself altogether or see yourself as a small, dirty object. It is better to forget about yourself altogether.” What are your thoughts on Lewis’ statement? Why do you think he says it is better to forget about yourself altogether?
3. Paul contrasts selfish ambition and conceit with humility in today’s passage (2:3). How has your meditation on your own motivations been challenged in light of Paul’s exhortation to “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit”?
4. True to Paul’s pattern, he puts forth Christ as the ultimate example. When you reflect on Christ “though he was in the form of God...emptied himself, taking on the form of a servant...humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross,” how are you challenged in light of Christ’s example of humility in your own life? How does this work itself out for you?
5. Paul’s message here has an underlying message of maintaining unity within the church, despite external AND internal threats as seen through his words, “being of the same mind,” and “being in full accord and of one mind.” How does this shape your perspective as a member of Currey Creek? How does your view of others encourage unity in the church?

LOOK FORWARD

1. What from Philippians 2:1-11 personally shapes how you see the upcoming week?
2. What from Philippians 2:1-11 do you need to obey this upcoming week?
3. How can the group be praying for you this week? (End in prayer)

