

Cell Group Discipleship Passage from Sunday

Subject: The Way Up is Down

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

Prov. 11:2 - When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. **Prov. 29:23** - A man's pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor. (NIV)

Luke 18:14b - "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." (NIV)

Scripture Content - As we come to our text, Paul presents Christ as the believer's life pattern. Christ demonstrated humility like none other.

Objective: Goal: The goal of teaching this lesson is to help every person understand that humility is essential in the life of a disciple and servant. **Challenge:** The challenge is for each person to place the needs of others above their own. We are called by God to minister to the needs of others. **Benefit:** God will eventually promote us and use us for greater service.

Message from the Passage to Rising Star

A. The **Exhortation** of Paul (Vs. 1-5).

1. The **Appeal** of Paul (Vs. 1-2). What was Paul's appeal?

2. The **Admonition** of Paul (Vs. 3-5). What three things did Paul ask them to be? Name some ways in which people can be insecure and selfish. Now make a list of ways people can be generous.

a. Be **Secure** (V. 3). *3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.*

b. Be **Selfless** (V. 4). *4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

c. Be **Sacrificial** (V. 5). *5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:*

B. The Example of Jesus (Vs. 6-11). We will deal with next week.

Application

1. Unity - Is there someone you know who needs to be reconciled with a fellow brother or sister? Yes/No. If yes, what do you plan to do to help bring about that reconciliation?
2. Humility – What selfless or sacrificial deed will you do next week to help someone?
3. Example – Christ is our example in showing humility. Are you a role model for others to follow?

Summary of our Purposes – Our purpose in life starts with knowing Jesus Christ. Then we add fellowship (membership), discipleship (maturity), service (ministry), evangelism (missions), worship (magnification), and stewardship (management).

We are growing...**warmer** through **fellowship**, **deeper** through **discipleship**, **stronger** through **worship**, **broader** through **ministry**, **larger** through **evangelism**, **healthier** and **wealthier** through **stewardship**. (Acts 2:41-47)

Memory Verse: Phil. 2:5 - *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.* (NKJV)