



MESSAGE SUMMARY

Philippians 2:1-11; John 13:1-17

Jesus is the greatest example of what it means to serve out of love. In Philippians 2, Paul urges us to “have this mind”, the same mind of Christ.

The example of Christ, according to people, focusing on four key words: ‘emptied himself’; ‘servant’; ‘humble himself’; ‘obedient’.

Serving out of love is a counter-cultural approach to life – it was in biblical times, and it is now, because as humans, we are corrupted by sin and inherently selfish.

What is the goal of it all? Philippians 2:10 states “so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...”.

Our serving others out of love is so that people would see Jesus and that He would be glorified. If it becomes about us, we miss the point.

Love is very much the key. So often we serve out of obligation or duty, but love should be the distinguishing mark for us as Christians. Love costs, as it becomes more about the person and not the task, but this also means love transforms, as it shows people Jesus.

DISCUSSION

ICE BREAKER: Who have been the best examples in your life at ‘serving out of love’? What did they do and why did it stand out for you?

READ: Philippians 2:1-11

- **Paul calls us to “have this mind among yourselves”. Looking at the previous verses, and the example of Christ that follows, what does “this mind” look like?**
- **Practically speaking, what does it look like for us to live this out? How do follow this Christ-like example in our homes, workplace, church, sporting club, friends’ group, etc.?**

READ: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

- **How do we ensure that love is engine driving our serving?**
- **There is a freedom in love, as we remove the focus from ourselves, our own lives and ambitions, and instead focus on others. Do you believe this? Why is it so hard to live out?**
See Galatians 5:13 and Romans 7:4-6 for verses linking freedom and serving with love

READ: John 13:1-17

- **KEY VERSES: “For I have given you an example, that you should do just as I have done to you... If you know these things, blessed are you if do them” (verse 15 & 17)**
 - **How has Christ served you? Spend some time reminding each other of the good news and loving work of Jesus in our lives.**
 - **What is one thing you can do this week to follow the example of Jesus and serve out of love?**

PRAY: Pray that God will continue to reveal Jesus to us, that we would know His example and that we would follow in humble obedience, pointing people to Jesus and not ourselves.