

**Complete Joy**  
Week 5 – Adopting Christ's Mind

**Transition:** In last week's text, Paul challenged the Philippians to live a life worthy of the gospel of Christ. He desired to either see or hear of their teamwork in the faith and boldness before their enemies. Paul reminds them that God not only grants salvation but suffering as well.

**Check Point:** Would anyone like to share something they worked on from last week's discussion?

**Context:** While highlighting the deity and humanity of Christ, Paul exhorts the Philippians to adopt the same humble and obedient attitude of Christ.

**Opening Questions:**

- Think of a time when someone thought of your interests above their own. Describe the time to the group and how this person's actions impacted you.
- What traits do you admire most about those who lead by example?

**Scripture/Storying:** Philippians 2:1-11

**Discipleship Questions:**

- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you through this story? How does it impact the way you think and live?
- Where have you seen selfish ambition as an issue in the world, church, or in your own life? What is harmful about selfish ambition? Why is the command to "do nothing from selfish ambition" still important for the church today? How will you guard against selfish ambition in your own heart?
- What are some practical ways that you can consider the interests of others above your own? What about our culture makes this easy or hard for you? How will you stay disciplined in considering the interest of others first?
- Paul tells the Philippians to have the same mind as Christ, which included humility and obedience. Where or when in your life is it most difficult for you to have the same mind of Christ? What helps you personally pursue his attitude/mindset in your own life?
- Why is the deity and humanity of Christ important to you? What can be dangerous about elevating one over the other?
- Why do you feel Christ is worthy of exaltation? What are some practical ways that you can exalt him?
- What does confessing Christ's Lordship imply for your life? What in your life is most difficult to bring under Christ's Lordship? How will you stay attentive of Christ's Lordship in every sphere of your life?

**Prayer time:** - Renew Clinic

- Pray for smooth transitions and grace as staff changes occur. Pray for staff as they navigate these changes.
- Pray for God's will to be done in every way through Renew Clinic
- Pray for participants' lives to be changed and that the Holy Spirit would lead them into His greater purpose.