

Humility - Dave Bartlett

Phil 2:1-8

"1 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in 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 of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the

interests of the others. **5** In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: **6** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; **7** rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

Have someone in your group read the above scripture and then discuss:

- What does it look like/mean to value others above yourself?
- What do you think it means to have the same mindset as Christ Jesus?

Icebreaker:

- Did you make a New Year's resolution? If so, what was it and have you kept it?
- What bad habit do you wish you could break?

Conversation Guide:

- Dave talks about our strategy "Belong in Community" and what that looks like not just for our church, but our lives. What is your first thought when you hear those words? How are you doing with this not just in church, but in your life?
- What have some of your past experiences been with small groups and community? If you have not taken the step to dive into a small group, what is your barrier?
- What is one area of your life where you can put others first? What action do you need to take to do that?
- Dave talks about marks of humility and choosing to listen to others, learn from others, see the good in others, serve others, and give up some of my rights for others. Choose one that you do well and one where you have gaps. Discuss and share.