

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

FEBRUARY 15/16 | TOGETHER

THE PARTNER'S MINDSET | PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

## FOR STARTERS

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, what caught your attention, challenged you or raised questions?
2. Share and describe a time that you experienced "complete joy." What do your different stories have in common?

## DIGGING IN

1. Read Philippians 1:27-2:4.
  - a. Rehearse what it looks like to together live worthy lives on mission with God.
  - b. List 5-6 gifts (privileges) in 2:1 that grace our lives together in Christ.
  - c. How might v2 connect back to 1:27? Why would those qualities in a church (or marriage) bring Paul joy?
  - d. Paul warns about selfish ambition and vain conceit. Look up Galatians 5:26 for more on this "cancer." If time allows, look up the story of Korah in Numbers 16 to see God's response—see also James 4:6.
  - e. Paul says (v3) humility is the antidote for this sickness. How do we spot humility according to vv 3b-4?
2. Read Philippians 2:5-8. Jesus models humility.
  - a. In your own words what is the mindset of Jesus (v5) that we are to follow?
  - b. Trace the steps of Christ's "self-humbling" in vv 6-8.
  - c. Trace the steps of Christ's exaltation. Note: Christ ends where He begins (cf Revelation 5:12-13).
3. Read John 13:3-5, 14-15. What does Jesus call us to do as He acts out the teaching of Philippians 2?

## BRINGING IT HOME

1. Where is God nudging you to be more like Christ in your relationships?
2. What does it look like to have the same attitude as Jesus in a marriage, ministry, family or groups? What changes and how?
3. How can we as a group (family) work together to better point people to Jesus?
4. Use this passage as a guide for prayer—we have plenty to thank and praise Jesus for, some things to confess (selfishness and pride) and things we need help with (Christ's attitude) and valuing others above ourselves.