

Lesson 4: Unity Through Humility

Scripture Song: Rejoice always – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Philippians 4:6

A. The problem of disunity

1. Philippians 2:1-3a What were some reasons for disunity among the Christians in Philippi?
2. What were some other causes of disunity in the early Christian church? 1 Corinthians 1:11-13, Luke 22:24, etc.
3. What are some major causes of disunity among Christians today?
4. Share a time you belonged to a group that was experiencing disunity. How did this disunity impact you personally?
5. What counsel would you give to someone who is being negatively impacted by a spirit of disunity?

B. The antidote for disunity

1. According to the Apostle Paul, what is the antidote for disunity? Philippians 2:3-4
2. Which part of this antidote impresses you the most? (being like-minded, having the same love, etc.)
3. How is it possible for everyone to have the same *agape* love? Romans 5:5, Luke 11:13
4. How does a spirit of humility and love reflect the mind of Christ? Philippians 2:5
5. Share an example from the New Testament of a follower of Jesus whose life was a revelation of the mind of Christ.
6. How can we have the mind of Christ? 1 Corinthians 2:16, Romans 12:2
7. What changes have you noticed in your life since you have asked God to renew your mind?

C. The exaltation of Jesus

1. Philippians 2:6-8 Where can we see the greatest demonstration of humility and *agape* love?
2. What impresses you the most as you reflect of this inspired testimony of Christ's humility and self-sacrificing love?
3. Who has helped you to appreciate more fully the self-sacrificing love of Jesus?
4. How did God the Father respond to Christ's demonstration of humility and *agape* love?
5. How does the exaltation of Jesus bring glory to God the Father? Philippians 2:9-11, John 14:8-11
6. How should we respond to Jesus, considering all He has done for us? John 20:26-28, Revelation 5:11-14, etc.
7. How can we help others to see a clearer revelation of the immeasurable, unfailing love of God?