



DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS SERIES

SUNDAY 23RD JULY 2023

Topic: Discipleship Essential "Serve Humbly"

Philippians 2:1-11

Speaker: Ps. Paul Curtis

- We are blessed by God's amazing love and provision (v1)
- Setting us all free to choose humility (v2-3)
- Allowing us to follow the example of Jesus (v4-6)
- By serving others out of love (v7-8)
- All the time exalting the Name of Jesus (v9-11)



THE DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE 2023

GROWING & GOING





Read v1. What are the four things we receive as a child of God? Look at each one and unpack what they mean to you in a practical way. What is your response to God for such blessings as a gift of His love?

Displaying this same love is what brings great joy to the Apostle Paul. Who else experiences joy if we live by this mindset? Being secure in the love of God sets us free to serve in humility. How does God's love make us feel secure? Why is it that we don't have to compete or compare with others to feel acceptable? What is the balance here – what is healthy humility – what does it mean to value others above ourselves – do we ignore our own needs?

Why is the example of Jesus being a servant so powerful? What did he choose to give up? What was his mindset? Being a humble servant is not what the world says to do – why is God's plan so different? We are often tempted to do things purely for our own advantage. Where do we find the motivation to serve others instead?

Christ displayed incredible humility in two ways – Share together what they might be (v8)

How does humbly serving others exalt the name of Jesus?

Read verses 9-11. Why is it so important as disciples to keep growing and keep going? If we struggle to live in true humility, serving others in love, where do we find the motivation to turn things around? How can living like this bring great joy and contentment to our lives?