
SUNDAY WORSHIP GUIDE

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-8

Called To Serve **Philippians 2:3-8**

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God, a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Palm Sunday:

- John 12:12-16 – The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.”
- Marks the beginning of passion week, where Jesus begins his journey towards the cross
 - We remember that Jesus came to save us by serving us
 - We remember that we are called to serve one another
- Mark 10:42-45 – And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

One Thing:

- We serve others by remembering Christ, who came to serve us

3 Observations:

1. We serve others by embracing a gospel-centered humility

- vv. 1-4 – So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others
- “Because the essence of gospel-humility is not thinking more of myself or thinking less of myself. Rather, it is thinking of myself less.” – C.S. Lewis

- “Gospel-humility is not needing to think about myself. Not needing to connect things with myself. True gospel-humility means I stop connecting every experience, every conversation, with myself. In fact, I stop thinking about myself. The freedom of self-forgetfulness. The blessed rest that only self-forgetfulness brings. A truly gospel-humble person is not a self-hating person or a self-loving person. The truly gospel-humble person is a self-forgetful person whose ego is just like his or her toes. It just works. It does not draw attention to itself. The toe just works; the ego just works. Neither draws attention to itself.” – Tim Keller

2. We serve others by meeting them where they are

- vv. 5-7 – Have this mind among yourselves. Which is yours in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God, a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men
- Jesus came to meet us and serve us where we are

3. We serve others by remembering that we have been served by Jesus first

- vv. 8 – And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
- “This is a man – and more than a man – telling his disciples that he has come into the world to serve them; he does not want them to serve him; and he will lay down his life so that their lives can be ransomed from sin and death.” – John Piper

Live It Out:

- In what practical ways can we look to the interests of those around us and serve them?