

The Mindset of Jesus (Philippians 2:1-11)

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THE BIG IDEA

When we adopt the mindset of Jesus, we will focus on giving instead of getting, serving instead of taking, and costly obedience instead of the easy way. God responds to Jesus' mindset by exalting Jesus and vindicating him as the rightful Lord.

OPENING

- What's a worship song that's formed your spiritual life?

DIGGING DEEPER

- How does Paul say the Philippian Christians can make his joy complete in vv. 2-4?
- Christ's possession of the very "nature" of God means that before the incarnation (when God became human), Christ had all the essential characteristics of God. What does this imply about Christ's preexistence before the incarnation?
- How did Jesus view his equality with God in v. 6?
- In v. 7 Paul says that Christ "made himself nothing." Some translations say, "He emptied himself" (King James Version, English Standard Version). Does this mean that Jesus ceased being God?
- How did the Father respond to Jesus' mindset in vv. 9-11?





PUTTING IT TO WORK

- Spend time reflecting on the different “mindsets” that have impacted you through the years?
- What’s one way you can focus on giving instead of getting this week?
- What’s one area where you can trust God to vindicate you this week?

PRAYER REQUESTS