

Our Triune God.

God the Son **Jesus our Lord**



Key verse: Philippians 2: 5.

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus



Big Idea: It is Jesus who reveals most fully for us both the nature of God and our true nature as humans.

Kick Off

Think of all the categories we use to define ourselves. Plot yourself on the following scales.

Poor	Rich
Uneducated	Educated
Ugly	Beautiful
Foolish	Wise

How do you treat those you perceive as in front of you on the scale?

How do you think of those who you perceive as behind you on the scale?

STUDY

Read Philippians 2:1-11

1. What are all the things we can learn about who Jesus is from vv9-11?
2. Jesus was born into a very average home. There were those who by our standards were far more important than him and those who were far worse off than him.

Look up these three passages from the gospels and discuss how they show Jesus practically demonstrating his genuine concern for those who humanly speaking were either 'above' him or 'below' him?

John 3:1-21

Matthew 8:1-3

Luke 14:34-35

3. What is so shocking about the contrast Paul gives us between, who Jesus is and what he does in vv6-8, and what are we to learn from it?
4. What destructive and negative behaviours are we to avoid as Christians in the way we interact and serve each other vv 3-4?
5. Is v4 saying we ought not to look out for ourselves? Explain.
6. Jesus dies on a cross for the sins of the world. How are we to have the same attitude of Christ v5?
7. Work through vv1&2 and try and answer the following questions from the passage.
 - What encouragement do we get from being united with Christ?
 - What comfort is there from his love?
 - What's it mean to have fellowship with the Spirit?
 - How are we meant to show tenderness and compassion?

THINK AND APPLY

Appreciating God the Son

Jesus most clearly reveals what God is like. But Jesus also most clearly reveals to us what we are meant to be as humans. He is the true God man. Jesus is the exalted Lord of heaven and earth, and the humble and obedient servant of all.

What things would improve if you were to consistently apply vv3-8 in your life situations at home or work or church?

What is the difference between being humble and being a doormat?

PRAYER

What can you pray about arising from this study?



**For next week
Read
Phil 2:1-11**