



Our shared unity with Christ (v.1)



Questions to think & pray through

Our shared unity with Christ (Philippians 2:1)

What does it mean to be “united with Christ” (where else does the Bible talk about this)? What difference does it make to you in knowing that you are united with Christ?

There are 4 “ifs” in verse 1:

“If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ”

“If any comfort from his love”

“If any common sharing in the Spirit”

“If any tenderness and compassion”

How have you experienced or particularly appreciated any of these blessings from Christ recently?

Our expressed humility to each other (Philippians 2:2-4)

Why does it follow that if we are united with Christ, we are also united with each other as Christians?

So why do we not always experience the unity that is ours because of Jesus?

Why do you think Paul says that it would make his “joy complete” if the Philippian church demonstrated greater unity?

What is humility and why was it an alien value in the Roman culture? Why is it also so in ours? How challenged are you by Paul’s words: “Value others above yourself”?

Why is humility absolutely key to unity within church?

Can you give some examples of a “selfish ambition” in church life which cause division, and then some examples of “looking to the interests of others” which can build towards unity? How might we be a more humble church?

Our supreme example in the servant King (Philippians 2:5-11)

In what ways does Paul describe Jesus’ humility from these verses? Why is Jesus our supreme example of humility? How does reflecting on Christ’s humility move you to worship him?

What is the path to greatness according to Jesus (Mark 10:43-45)? Why is this so?

Close your eyes and ask the Lord: “How might I be a ‘servant’ to others at PBC?”