

## **Introduction:**

**Question:** What qualifies us to come to Jesus, the Creator, Sustainer, Ruler, and Sovereign, all-powerful King of the universe?

**Answer:** Our need, our struggle, our brokenness, our sin.

## **Context:**

### **The privilege of suffering for Christ**

*<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.*

*<sup>29</sup> For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, <sup>30</sup> experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.*

Philippians 1:29-30

### **Unity in Christ**

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore if there is any **encouragement in Christ**, if there is any **consolation of love**, if there is any **fellowship of the Spirit**, if any **affection and compassion**, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; <sup>4</sup> do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.*

Philippians 2:1-4

## Following Jesus into God's best plans for us

1. Jesus had a very specific mindset of \_\_\_\_\_.

*Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,*

Philippians 2:5

Humility flies in the face of the "5 P's" (how we measure greatness)

- Power = who and what we control
- Possessions = what and how much we own
- Position = our rank in the pecking order
- Prestige = who and how many "look up" to us
- Productivity = what and how much we accomplish

2. We follow Jesus when we embrace His mindset toward \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

*... who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,*

Philippians 2:6

3. We follow Jesus when we embrace His mindset toward \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

*... but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.*

Philippians 2:7

4. We follow Jesus when we embrace His mindset toward \_\_\_\_\_.

*Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

Philippians 2:8

5. We experience God's exaltation and blessings when we follow Jesus' example of \_\_\_\_\_.

*<sup>9</sup> For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Philippians 2:9-11

**Application:**

1. How would you describe Jesus in your own words after reflecting on Philippians 2:5-11?
2. What is Jesus' motive in calling us to follow His mindset of humility?

**Jesus' invitation to you = \_\_\_\_\_ Me**

*<sup>23</sup> And He was saying to them all, "**If anyone wishes to come after Me**, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and **follow Me**. <sup>24</sup> For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. <sup>25</sup> For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?*

Luke 9:23-25

**The result = Love**