

LIFE Group Sermon Questions

Triple Crown: King
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Philippians 2:5-11



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“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Sermon Outline

- I. Humiliation (Philippians 2:6-8)
- II. Exaltation (Philippians 2:9)
- III. Recognition (Philippians 2:10-11)

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn today from the Scripture passage(s) that you didn't know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?
2. What makes a “bad” king or leader? Why are bad kings/leaders so detrimental? What makes a “good” king or leader? Why are good kings/leaders so beneficial?
3. Before the Apostle Paul talks about the humiliation of Jesus, in Philippians 2:5, he says to the Philippian church, “Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.” How can you have the mind of Christ as it relates to *humility*? What does it look like to humble yourself at work? At home? At church? In relationships?
4. Take a few minutes to skim through the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). Where are some clear examples of Christ's humanity? How do those examples encourage you in your own life?
5. Why does it matter that no one forced Jesus to come into the world as a man and give his life on a cross? Why is it important that he “emptied himself” and “humbled himself” (Philippians 2:7, 8)?
6. In what ways do *you* exalt and honor Jesus in your own life? What are some *other* ways you can honor him?

7. Through faith, we will be exalted like Jesus (though not *exactly* like him, since he alone will maintain the place of supreme honor and the name above every other name). How does this give you hope this Christmas? How do you think it encouraged *Jesus* when *he* was in the lowest place?

8. How can you help other people understand and recognize who Jesus is?

9. Philippians 2:10-11 isn't a description of universal *salvation*. It's a description of universal *confession*. In your own words, why does that distinction matter? What does that mean for the way you live for life today?

10. Pastor Josh gave a list of characteristics of Christ as King (below). Which have you experienced and how has that experience grown you in your love for him?

- He leverages his power for the good of his people.
- He gives commands that will bless his people.
- He uses his strength to protect his people.
- He draws from his vast resources to provide his people.
- He gives and keeps promises that comfort his people.
- By his Holy Spirit, he helps guide and lead his people.
- From a heart that is tender and gentle, he loves his people.

11. How could your life display more clearly in 2026 that Jesus is *your* King and Lord?