

Joy in Humble Servitude Philippians 2:5-11

_____ is grounded in a healthy sense of my identity in Christ, not in an unhealthy sense of my competence or expertise or wisdom. Our spiritual influence in this world depends on our ability to understand the difference.

Discussion 1. In your opinion, what is the difference between the world's version of "healthy self-esteem" and a Spirit-filled understanding of my identity in Christ? How will that perspective matter in your days this week?

The opposite of Christian humility is not arrogance and it is not ego; it is _____. Christ-like humility is all about giving up rights to which we are entitled. Jesus showed us this.

Discussion 2. Our feelings of entitlement are stronger in some circumstances than in others. In what relationships or under what circumstances do you find it difficult to give up your "rights" and humble yourself?

When we draw a line to how much humility we are willing to show, setting a limit to how many rights we are willing to give up as Christ followers, we _____ with Jesus. He had no such limits: "...to the point of death, even death on a cross."

Discussion 3. Jesus demonstrated humility all the way to his death. When you consider forsaking your rights and maintaining humility without limits, what kinds of fears or anxieties come into your mind? When you hold those fears before the Lord, what do you sense Him saying to you?

This revolution we call Christianity has never been furthered by military or political might. Never. It has always and only been furthered as a result of the extraordinary love of a _____. Humility, not worldly power, fans the flame of this movement.

Discussion 4. When you think about God using His people's humility to further His kingdom and His purposes, who (besides Jesus) comes to mind? Who are your real-life examples of God doing huge things through humble people?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?

