

# PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: Be Humble

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 2:1-11

*And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

## 1

### REVIEW THE SERMON

**Read Philippians 2:1-5.** What virtues did Paul instruct the Philippians to practice in these verses? What vices did he command them to avoid?

**Read Philippians 2:6-11.** What does it mean for Christ to have existed in the “form of God”? What is Paul claiming about the identity of Christ?

**See verse 7.** What does it mean for Christ to “empty” himself? How would you explain this concept to someone who is unfamiliar with it?

How far was Christ willing to condescend in order to bring about our redemption? What was the ultimate outcome of his humiliation? How does this give us hope?

According to Paul, what is the main reason that Christians should practice humility? How is his reasoning different than what you might expect to find in much “moral” or “religious” teaching on the subject of humility?

## 2

### ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What does it mean to be humble? Does humility require you to be quiet, passive, and shy? Is it possible to be bold, courageous, and assertive and yet humble at the same time? If so, how?

What tends to be your motivation for striving to live a righteous life? If you aren’t sure, how might you be able to discern your motives?

## 3

### APPLY THE TRUTH

How might we derive comfort and hope from the fact that one day every knee will bow to Christ and every tongue will confess him as Lord (verses 10 and 11)? How can we maintain this hopeful perspective when times are tough and the world seems to be out of control?

In practical terms, what might it look like for us to adopt and practice the mind of Christ in the area of humility? How do we practice humility from a Gospel-centred foundation rather than from a spirit of moralism?

## 4

### COMMIT THIS WEEK

How might you count others more significant than yourself this week?