

Community Group Discussion Guide



Sunday, November 15, 2020

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

In this passage, Paul exhorts the church that their motivation for living as faithful citizens should be the gospel and that the application of the gospel brings humility and unity.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- Why is unity an essential trait of the church? How does our shared union with Christ and his love encourage us to live in unity?
- How does the Spirit produce unity among God's people?
- Does God's compassion compel you to *actively* sympathize with others?
- What is Paul's imperative to church (verse 2)? How do we together tune our minds to Christ's?
- What's the difference between uniformity and unity? What are some things that sabotage unity (verse 3)?
- How is humility linked with unity? How do we treat others as more significant than ourselves (Verses 3-4; Romans 12:3; Mark 10:44)?
- How should we gauge our humility? Is the gospel your definition and example of humility? Is the gospel first and foremost your experience of life before it is your example?
- What does it mean that Jesus exists in the *form* of God (2 Cor 3:16; Hebrews 1:3)? In humility, how did Jesus empty himself (verses 6-8; John 17:4; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Matthew 24:36)? What new form did he put on in his incarnation? What was the ultimate demonstration and purpose of Jesus' humility (Galatians 3:13)?
- What is the most exalted name that Jesus rightly possesses (verse 11; Isaiah 42:8, 45:22-23)? Who will affirm the exaltation of the reigning ruling Lord? Explain how the glory of Jesus also the glory of God the Father.