

# Small Group Discussion 12/12/2021

## *“Why Christmas?” (part 2 of 3-part series by Dr. John Martin)*

Philippians 2:1-11

### Getting Started

- Think of some times when you have found joy in the forgiveness, fellowship, and faithfulness of Christ. Share your experience with the group.

### Static Questions

- **WHAT IS THE PASSAGE ABOUT?**
  - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
  - Pay attention to the main Facts of the passage.
- **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**
  - What does the passage reveal about God? About people?
  - Is there a promise or a command or a warning?
  - What is the main truth of the passage?
  - What lessons do you see?
- **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**
  - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
  - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this passage?
  - How should you respond based on what you learned?

### Discussion

- What can one infer about the church at Philippi from the narrative Luke gives us in Acts?
- What attributes, or forms of grace, are found in Christ and are made available to His people? See Philippians 2:1
- How does the apostle Paul want the church to use the forms of grace that Christ has made available to us? See Philippians 2:1-2
- What does Paul exhort the Philippian Christians not to do? See Philippians 2:3a
- In positive terms, how are the Philippians to treat one another? See Philippians 2:3
- What further exhortation does Paul give the church in verse 4?
- What is the first thing that is said about our Lord Jesus Christ in Philippians 2:6? What do you think this means? What is the next thing the apostle Paul tells us about our Lord in Philippians 2:6?
- Did our Lord Jesus seek to use His divine identity and status for His own personal benefit? See Philippians 2:6 ?
- In obedience to His heavenly Father, what did our Lord Jesus do? See Philippians 2:7
- Because of our Lord’s willingness to submit Himself to His Father and become the servant of the Lord, what reward did the Father bestow upon Him? See Philippians 2:9
- When will Philippians 2:9-11 be fulfilled?