

Marks of Discipleship

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Day 1: Philippians 2:5

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

Paul is telling us that we should be an earthly example of the saving effects of the Gospel. We are to act among ourselves as those redeemed by God in Christ. We are to show among ourselves the attitude that arises from the fact that we are in Christ. The Christian community witnesses to the world by how they treat each other.

Question: What do you believe people think of you as person?

Challenge: If you were organizing a group of 100 people to live together what 5 rules would you set for this community to follow?

Scripture: Romans 7:1-25

Day 2: Philippians 2:6-7

who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,

Because God cannot be seen, Christ is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15, John 1:18). What Adam desired, equality with God, Jesus decided to forgo. The advantages of divinity that world assumes is having the power to do whatever one wants. Jesus took the form of humanity and became subject to our weaknesses. However, Jesus did not give up divinity when He took on humanity. The church throughout the ages has maintained that Jesus was fully God and fully human. Paul is telling us in order to see what God looks like, look at Jesus' actions, especially His obedience.

Question: How would you describe God to someone who never heard of God?

Challenge: If Jesus is God and human, what part of Jesus is God and what part is human?

Scripture: Colossians 1:1-29

Day 3: Philippians 2:8

he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Adam (the first man) was disobedient and this resulted in death for all. Christ was obedient and it meant life for all. Jesus did not use his power to negate the effects of being human. The resurrection has no power if Jesus did not really die. As death on the cross was the most humiliating death in the ancient world. God used this death to show that the power of God is seen through what others call weakness.

Question: When do you think it is OK to disobey a law?

Challenge: Is there anything or anyone you would be willing to die for?

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:20-50

Day 4: Philippians 2:9

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

As Christ is exalted so are all those who are in Christ. Christ began in an exalted position and then came down to a humble position. He did this so that we may be raised from a humble position to one that is exalted. We are guaranteed a place with God because Christ came to us. As we take the name of Christ we become part of God's family.

Question: If you could choose another name for yourself, what would it be?

Challenge: What do you have to believe to be called a Christian? What do you have to do to be called a Christian?

Scripture: John 10:1-42

Day 5: Philippians 2:10

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

Healthy adults are naturally drawn to infants and will order their lives around them. In the same way the name of Jesus will have that effect on the whole of creation. All creatures will recognize God in Christ because of His selfless sacrifice in coming to earth and His sacrifice on the cross. Love looks to be weakness but is the of power of God to give life.

Question: How do you act when you are around a baby?

Challenge: When have you felt the power of Love? Describe the experience.

Scripture: Psalm 36:1-12

Day 6: Philippians 2:11

and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The saying "Jesus is Lord" means two things: 1. that Jesus is the son of God 2. He is the one to rule our lives. Every tongue confessing means that each person will make a positive statement of Faith. The glory of God is seen as we confess Christ as Lord.

Question: Have you "confessed" Jesus as Lord?

Challenge: Write out a simple statement of belief that says what you believe about Jesus and why.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11