

## **Indestructible Joy – Week #4**

### **Philippians 2:1-30 = Maintaining a Joyful Unity in the Church**

1. Pastor Brent discussed certain “Mindset Shifts” that you need to make when moving to a different part of the country. Have you ever moved to a different province on country? What are some the “Mindset Shifts” that you noticed?
2. What are some the Mindset Shifts that one needs to make when being part of a church? Explain a time where you experienced what Paul talks about in Phil.2:1-4.

#### **Mindset Shift #1 – Follow Christ’s Example (2:5-11)**

3. This is old New Testament hymn is known as “The Great Humiliation & The Great Exaltation” of Christ. What did you learn about the trinity that that should help us understand unity in the church? How different is the trinity from our earthly relationships?
4. What can we learn about the relationship within the trinity from John 14-17?
5. Reflect on the phrase “he made himself nothing” (2:7) What are some things from Jesus’ birth and death that exemplify this phrase?
6. Reflect on the great exaltation of Christ (2:9-11). How is the name of Jesus used today compared to how it will be understood on the day of his return?
7. How can this example of Christ help us maintain unity in the church?

#### **Mindset Shift #2 – Train Yourself in “Oneness” awareness (2:12-18)**

8. What did you learn from Pastor Brent’s “chainsaw illustration” that helps us apply what Paul says in 2:12? (work out your salvation with fear and trembling). When have you seen someone in the church not fearfully and careful to promote unity?
9. Reflect on 2:14-15 and how that is different from the reality TV show “Survivor”. How is the church supposed to be vastly different than the way the world functions in relationships? How else can we train ourself in “oneness” awareness?

#### **Mindset Shift #3 – Follow Selfless Unifiers (2:19-30)**

10. How are Timothy and Epaphroditus positive examples of 2:1-4?
11. Do you know any leaders like this? Discuss.

#### **Mindset Shift # 4 – Build others up (2:19-30)**

12. Paul also models in this section how to humble yourself and build unity by building up Timothy and Epaphroditus. What are some ways we can do this as a church or small group?
13. In the body of Christ, where do I need to make myself nothing so others see that Jesus EVERYTHING?
14. “Edify to Unify” Pastor Brent encouraged us to do a small project to apply what we are learning throughout the rest of Philippians. You can go to our church website at the bottom of the home page <https://www.sgac.net> (submissions are all anonymous). Is there anything that I could contribute to this that would both edify and unify the church?