

Humbled or Humiliated?

Philippians 2:1-11

LG Questions for 10.12.08

Getting Started

- 1) People Problems.** In a classic *Peanuts* cartoon, the ever irritable Lucy says to Charlie Brown, "I love mankind. It's people I can't stand!" a) Recognizing the difficulties of working with others, describe something people often do to "push your buttons." b) Recognizing that you may be guilty of similar things yourself, name one habit you could change to improve your relationships with others. (Question: Is there a reason you haven't changed this yet?)

Getting into the Bible

- 2) Philippians 2:1-4.** a) According to Paul, what type of attitude is guaranteed to produce joy whether it's in a large church group or a small home meeting? b) Give an example of someone you know who works hard to maintain such an attitude and how you've seen it influence others in a positive way.
- 3) Philippians 2:5-11.** a) What outstanding character qualities did Jesus demonstrate both in how he lived and how he died? b) Do you think it's possible for ordinary Christians to imitate such an attitude? Why or why not? (See 1 Peter 2:21-23.) c) How was the outcome of his suffering an example of the way God deals with all truly humble people? (See 1 Peter 5:5-6.)

Getting Personal and Practical

- 4) Your Family.** Rate your family's success in the area of humility. On a 1 to 10 scale (1 being proud/selfish, and 10 being humble/patient), how well are you doing at developing a humble and patient attitude toward others? Explain.
- 5) Your Attitude.** To improve your example, pick one of the following forms of humility - letting others enjoy the limelight, seeking someone's forgiveness, admitting your shortcomings - and ask the Holy Spirit to help you practice it this week. Be ready to report the results at your next life group meeting.