



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of October 9, 2023

Life Groups are back! This is a great opportunity for you to connect with other Christians for encouragement, community, and life-giving friendships. Take a few minutes before you study to go around the room. Have each person introduce themselves and share a little bit about their life at present:

- Tell us about yourself. Where do you live and what do you do? Do you work? Retired? School?
- What do you like to do in your free time for fun or hobbies?
- What is something special about you that most people don't know?
- How long have you been connected with Wrightsdale? What do you like or love about this church?

1. Read Philippians 2:5-11. What is the over-arching attitude that Christians are called to display in their relationships inside the church family?

2. In what way did Jesus “make Himself nothing” in His coming from heaven to earth? Compare and contrast what He experienced in heaven with what He experienced in his earthly birth and life.

3. Did Jesus only “appear” to be a man, or was He truly a human being like us? In what ways did Jesus experience a genuine human life? (Hint: needing food & daily nutrition) Read also Hebrews 4:15.

4. In what ways did Jesus show Himself to be a “servant” of both God and people? Why is this so shocking?

5. Jesus became “obedient” to death – even the death of the Cross. Share what you know about crucifixion as a method of execution. Did Jesus know this was coming? (see also Mark 10:32-34)

6. Because Jesus was so obedient to choose “humiliation”—God rewarded Jesus with “exaltation”. How does Paul describe this in verses 9-10?

7. In what ways does the ugliness of pride and selfishness show up in church settings? Give a few examples.

8. We are called to demonstrate the attitude of humility in all our interactions and relationships with our church family. Give some concrete examples where we can show humility and preferring others within a church context. Which are you more prone to do: cling to your rights and preferences ... or put others first?

Close your study with a time of prayer, asking God to stir up humility in our hearts, so that we will embrace the attitude of Jesus and show humility and selfless service to others in our church relationships.