



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of January 27, 2025

1. Tap into the power of Google and discover which year the following songs were written:
 - a. "Revolution" by the Beatles _____
 - b. "Mr. Sandman" by the Chordettes _____
 - c. "The Star-Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key _____
 - d. "The Ballad of Davy Crockett" by Fess Parker _____
 - e. "Have You Ever Seen the Rain" by Creedence Clearwater Revival _____
 - f. "A Country Boy Can Survive" by Hank Williams Jr. _____
2. Read Philippians 2:1-11. Notice that in most Bible translations, verses 6-11 are typically set apart as a unique or special paragraph. Most Bible scholars believe that these verses were probably a hymn or a song sung by the ancient Christian church. In your own words, what is the over-arching theme of this song?
3. What counsel does Paul give the Philippian Christians in verses 3-5? What kinds of actions did they need to be living out in their everyday Christian relationships? How can Christian people be guilty of "...looking to their own interests" (selfishness) while neglecting the needs of others? Give some real-life examples.
4. At the end of end of verse 5— who is the ultimate example of the humble, giving, other-centered kind of lifestyle?
5. As you consider verses 6-8, how exactly did Jesus demonstrate this attitude of humility? As you remember this biography of Jesus, how do we see His humility and lowliness demonstrated again and again?
 - a. How was His birth humble? _____
 - b. How was His earthly upbringing humble? _____
 - c. How was His three-year ministry marked by humbleness? _____

Did Jesus do all this for himself, or for the good of others? (see also John 3:16-17)
6. Because Jesus chose the path of humility and putting others before Himself, how did God respond according to verses 9-11? What does this teach Christians about the power of humility and service inside the church?
7. How can you guard against selfishness, jealousy, and self-seeking in your local church context? (see Mark 10:45)