

<b>Welcome</b>	If you had a second life to live in unselfish service to mankind, what job would you do?
<b>Worship ideas</b>	<p><i>So many to choose from! e.g. 54 Brother let me be your servant, 120 Servant King, 165 He is Lord, 390 Meekness and majesty, 544 There is a redeemer, 1460 Name above all names, 1661 You chose the cross. Even if you don't sing, reflect on these words:</i></p> <p>“You laid aside your majesty/ Gave up everything for me,  Suffered at the hands of those You had created.  You took all my guilt and shame/ When You died and rose again;  Now today You reign, in heaven and earth exalted.  I really want to worship You, my Lord/ You have won my heart and I am Yours  For ever and ever I will love You.  You are the only one who died for me/ Gave Your life to set me free,  So I lift my voice to You in adoration.” <i>(Noel Richards)</i></p> <p><i>Spend some moments in contemplation of the truth that Jesus gave up everything – all he had - for you.</i></p>
<b>Word (refs.↓)</b>	<i>some suggestions for discussion here</i>
Phil.2:1-4	<p>† What four motives in v.1 does Paul give here for living in unity? How is this unity related to humility? How is it related to witness? To suffering?</p> <p>† Reading between the lines of vv.1-4, what do you think was the main problem, however small it might be, in the church in Philippi? (4:2-3 might help here)</p>
Phil.2:3	† How do you consider a person “better than” yourself when you know you are “better than” they are (e.g. Hitler, Mugabe, Hosni Mubarak, etc.)?
Phil. 2:5-11	† What is the ‘therefore’ in v.9 there for?
Phil. 2:5-11 <i>Extra questions for ‘theological reflection’</i>	† How could Jesus Christ become a man and still be God? Was he only play-acting? Did he have two part-time jobs? Did he switch instantly from man to God and back again? If he was fully God, how could he suffer death on the cross? Of all God the Son’s divine attributes (e.g. omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, love, mercy, glory, justice, etc.) which (if any) did he give up in becoming human? Which did he retain? How did that work in the life of Jesus Christ?
	Why not try and learn Phil. 2:5-11 as a memory ‘verse’? (As a start, try reading it through as a group a line at a time, one person reading from the text and everyone else repeating the line from memory. Or record it at home and learn it “language-lab” style)
<b>Witness</b>	<p><b>Discuss</b> how as a group you might want to support some of the church’s outreach ministries and events coming up in the area, eg.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Children’s half-term holiday club (10am – 12 noon, 21-25 Feb): <b><i>helpers needed!</i></b></li> <li>✓ The pancake party in the Village Hall on Pancake Day (8 March) - <i>helpers needed!</i></li> <li>✓ Our Youth worker Hellen’s ministry in schools &amp; youth groups (offering lifts, hospitality, prayer support, etc.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Pray</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ for your mission link person(s) or project</li> <li>❖ forgiveness for any times when you have hurt someone by considering yourself better than them</li> <li>❖ for grace to look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others</li> <li>❖ for grace for your <u>cell group</u> - to look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of other groups</li> <li>❖ for grace for <u>St Barnabas</u> - to look to the interests of other churches</li> </ul>