

#FIGHTFORIT

A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS

Week 4 | #fightforit | April 24

Key Focus: #fightforit with the right mind.

Opening Up:

- Do you enjoy school work? Explain.
- What about school shaped you the most?
- In school what was your least favorite subject?
- What, in life, did school not prepare you for?

Reference: Philippians 2:5-18

Discuss:

1. In 2:16 Paul challenges us to hold onto the “word of this life.” If someone questioned you about a Christian’s philosophy of life, what would you say?
2. Why is the “best test of a philosophy of life is the way it is lived?” What does a well-lived Christian life look like? Do you think this life is attractive?
3. In 2:5 we are called to have the mind of Christ. If you were given 30 minutes to jump into the mind of Jesus, what questions would you want to ask him?
4. Have you ever met a humble person? Describe what humility looks like in everyday life.
5. Sometimes it is easier to act your way in to a new way of thinking, rather than think your way into a new way of acting. What actions could you take that would help you be more humble? How would taking the action be different than merely thinking about being humble?
6. When you look at the humiliation of Christ in 2:6-8, what do you discover about his personality? What must be true about the mind of Christ to do such a thing?
7. In James 4:10 we read that when we humble ourselves before the Lord that he will exalt us. Jesus was exalted in his humility. How does trusting God enable you to love?
8. Have you ever worried that if you were self-sacrificially loving someone that no one would take care of you?
9. In Philippians 2:10-11 we see that every knee will bow and tongue confess that Jesus is Lord. Many Christians were killed over this statement. These Christians confessed that Jesus is Lord rather than Caesar is Lord. What kind of Lord is Jesus? How does knowing the nature of Christ’s life and mind help you to submit to him as Lord?
10. Pray.