



JESUS AT THE CENTRE

READ Philippians 1:27 – 2:18

...Whatever happens, as citizens of heaven live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...

...Be like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind...

...Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others...

...Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling...

...Do everything without grumbling or arguing...

In groups consider: What does the command mean?
What consequences result from obeying this command?
What motivates obedience to this command?
Why is this issue being emphasized?

READ Philippians 2:5-11

How has Christ modeled true humility?

In what ways is this pattern and mindset counter-cultural?

How can knowing God's response to Jesus help us when we are tempted to exalt ourselves rather than humble ourselves?

READ Philippians 2:16b-30

In what ways are Paul and Timothy applied examples of this Christ-like attitude?

How is Christ's attitude evident in the relationships among Paul, Epaphroditus and the Philippians?

Living it out...

Knowing and growing in the gospel

Re-read 2:12-13. How can we encourage one another to keep persevering in the faith?

Unity in the gospel

How can we as a CU help one another to unite only around the gospel of Christ?

Proclaiming the gospel

How do 1:27-30 challenge our gospel-witness on campus?

Adorning the gospel

Think about:

- your plans and ambitions... who will you serve?
- your gifts and privileges... to serve yourself or others?
- your outlook... half-full, half-empty, or what?
- your discussions... to build others up or to boost the ego?
- your friendships... for mine or their benefit?
- your untouchables... why so difficult?

In what ways are we struggling to 'live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ'?