

Sermon Application Study

January 4th, 2026

Target Passage → Philippians 2:1-13

1. Why do you think Paul frames verse 1 as a rhetorical question rather than starting with a command?
2. Looking specifically at verses 2-4, what does living out the new life in Christ look like?
3. What stands out most to you about Christ's humility in verses 6-8? Why is it significant that He didn't need to humble Himself, but chose to anyway?
4. How does the way God exalts Christ for His humility reshape the way we think about a successful life? What about rewards for living God's way?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → Romans 5:7-8, Ecclesiastes 1:12-15

For Me →

1. How have you experienced encouragement, love, participation in the Spirit, and affection and sympathy as a Christian?
2. What currently motivates the way you live your life? Is it comfort, self-interest, fear? Or is it love for Christ and others? How could you be more Christ and other centered in the new year?

For the Mission →

1. There is great joy in bringing others into the new life in Christ and seeing them live that out. What are some things that you are doing or want to do in the new year to help others experience the richness of a new life in Christ?

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that the example of Christ would motivate us as unique parts of the body of Christ to live out that example and mindset toward God and toward those He brings into our lives.