



Key References:

Philippians 2:5–11 (NIV84)

⁵Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

2 Corinthians 5:20–21 (NIV)

²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Ephesians 1:4–8 (NIV)

⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸that he lavished on us.

Read Philippians 2:5-11. **What aspects of Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday and resurrection on Sunday have spoken to you most this year?**

Mike talked about the importance of Jesus' humility and obedience in this passage and that he was glorified through his death. **Can you look back at your life and see where or when God was humbling you either through obedience or disobedience? In what ways is God humbling you in this season?**

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. Mike said that as Christians we see the eternal significance of Jesus' death and the power of the resurrection. **How is your life different in knowing that you are reconciled because someone else paid the price? How do you communicate that to people who don't know Jesus?**

Read Ephesians 1:5-8. **Do you feel the power and freedom that forgiveness and reconciliation bring? In what ways do you find it difficult or easy to see yourself as "holy and blameless" and adopted as a child of God?**

In Acts 4, Peter and John speak openly about Jesus' death and resurrection and are thrown in jail and continue to point to Jesus' goodness even as they're persecuted. **What difference do you see in the disciples before and after Jesus' death and resurrection? How have encounters with a resurrected Christ changed your life? What differences do you find between encountering Christ in your mountaintops and in your valleys?**

Read Romans 8:28-39 to yourself. Focusing on how God turns things around for good: **in what ways has God used unfortunate situations in your life for your good and His glory in the end?**

Read Philippians 4:6-7. **Have you been quick to let go of worry and give it up to God? In what ways has your relationship with God changed in the last month?**