

WORSHIP

Praise Him Forever, This is Amazing Grace, You Are the Lord, O Praise His Name, Jesus at the Center

WELCOME

What are three things in your life right now that you would like to see changed?

WORD

PHILIPPIANS 2:8-11 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a cross. 9 For this reason also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father

Have you noticed that we tend to imitate those whom we admire? For example, children would often mirror what they see their parents do such as cooking, driving, or even working on a laptop. Older ones tend to reflect such admiration of their role models by imitating how they dress, speak, or eating their favourite food. This reason for this is as we have learned last week is because we are wired for worship. Something inside of us compels us to worship something or someone, including ourselves! Last week, we learned that worship is not about us, but about Jesus, who alone is worthy of our worship. As we continue our series today, we will look at how worship transforms man and exalt God. Worship is meant to transform our lives (**Romans 12:1-2**). This transformation begins by renewing our mind: when we change the way we think, we also change the way we live. As we renew our minds, our lives will be more aligned with the will of God, which is good, acceptable, and perfect. Simply put: The more we worship Jesus, the more we know and love Him, the more we want to please Him and obey Him, the more we become like Him. In **Romans 8:29** we see that it is God's design and desire that we become more like Jesus. As we walk in obedience to God, we begin to develop Christlike character. However, this is not an automatic transformation, but we have an active role to play of matching our walk with our talk. It's important to consistently walk our talk as people listen not with their ears, but with their eyes (**1 John 2:6**). As we continue to live in worship of Christ it will transform our perspective towards our circumstances. We begin to see God's purposes for our circumstances, our thoughts will be transformed, and will be able to navigate to do what will honour and glorify Him.

1. PRESENCE OF CHRIST (PHILIPPIANS 2:1) In Philipians 2: 1, Once you are In Christ, we will experience the blessings of encouragement from being united with Him, the comfort from His love, fellowship or oneness of the Spirit, and affection and compassion.

In Christ means, first we have a saving relationship with Christ and are brought into union and communion with Him, and in such a way that as we are in Christ, what is true of Christ becomes true of us. The life of Christ is now in us because Christ is in us. If the fact that you are in Christ - that He has any power to influence you, if love has any persuasive power to move you, if you really are sharing in the Holy Spirit, if you can feel compassion and pity, that's practicing the PRESENCE of CHRIST.

2. UNITED IN CHRIST (PHILIPPIANS 2:2) In Philippians 2, the Apostle Paul encourages us by “being of the same mind, maintaining the same love for Jesus, united on one purpose”. This means that as we worship Jesus His priority becomes our priority. Our purpose to tell others about Jesus and help them grow in a personal and worshipful relationship with Jesus becomes more evident in our lives. What is our mission? CCF’s mission is *“To honour God and make Christ-committed followers who will make Christ-committed followers.”* As we journey with Jesus, we are to grow in unity of purpose with other believers. In **John 17:20-21**, we read that this unity in purpose and mission brings joy to Him.

3. HUMBLE LIKE CHRIST (PHILIPPIANS 2:3-8) Being followers of Christ, we are commanded to disciple others. The end goal of our intentional discipleship is Christlike humility. We do this by modelling Christlike humility 24/7. One way how we can practically do this is first by memorizing **Philippians 2:3-8**. As we practice the repetition of God’s purpose for us, it molds consistent Christlikeness that leads us to successfully witness for Christ. Our progress can be measured as we hold ourselves accountable to those around us, especially with our families. Though challenging, this can be done by asking those around us difficult questions to evaluate us: 1. Have I been selfish and proud? 2. How can I improve to be **Philippians 2:3-8** humble to you? Our model for such humility in discipleship is Jesus Christ himself. When Christ came to earth, He was both man and God. However, Jesus didn’t use His deity for selfish gain (**Matthew 26:52-54**). This is because Jesus was committed to His mission: to be our Savior (**Philippians 2:7-8**), even if this entailed sacrificing His life on the cross. His sacrifice was so great that He became disfigured beyond physical recognition (**Isaiah 52:14**). We too can persevere as we commit to disciple others because in Matthew 28:20 Jesus promises His presence to those who obey Him!

4. THE EXALTATION OF CHRIST (PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11) Last week we learned that we are wired for worship. God is more than worthy of our worship; He spoke creation into being and He was mindful and intricate as He personally knitted us together in our mother’s womb (**Psalms 139:13**). As we have learned earlier, when Jesus came on earth, He did not give up His deity—He was both fully God and man. Jesus being fully God and man, became a bondservant. This means that He submitted Himself to the will of the Father (**Matthew 26:39**). Jesus obeyed the will of the Father even to the point of death on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, our salvation. Knowing all this, what is our proper response to Jesus? Worship is the proper response to who God is, what He has done, and what He continues to do. **Philippians 2:9-11** reminds us that Jesus is coming again soon, and when He comes back every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that He is Lord. On that day there will be two kinds of people: 1. Those who will be bowing the knee in worship and in blissful reverence. 2. Those who will be bowing in shame and regret. Will you make Jesus your number one today and let Him transform you as you live a life of worship of Him?

Discussion Questions:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

- **Self-Check.** How is your personal worship of Christ? How can you improve in this area?
- **Setting It Right** What will you do in the coming weeks to tell others about Jesus?
- **Living It Out** Are you becoming more like Jesus? Humbly ask those around you for honest feedback.

WORKS

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION (PCS)

Pray for people to be transformed when they encounter and worship Jesus. Pray for perseverance and faithfulness in witnessing for Christ by walking our talk. Live out God's commands especially in living out discipleship as commanded and modelled by Jesus— start making disciples wherever you are today.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. THANKSGIVING

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

II. COUNTRY AND THE WORLD

- Upright and moral governance of the Public Servants
- A God-centered Philippines and Canada
- Repentance and Salvation

III. CHURCH

- That CCF Members would honour and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries Worldwide

IV. CCFE'S OWN BUILDING

- Worship and Training Centre

V. PERSONAL CONCERNS

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of Families and Friends