



The Secret to Church Unity

Philippians 2:1-4

Big Idea: The secret to unity is humility, and the secret to humility is worship.

Or in other words, the secret to solving “me first” selfish division is with “others first” humility, and the secret to “others first” humility is engaging in “Christ first” worship.

Outline:

1. The Problem: “Me First” Selfishness
2. The Remedy: “Others First” Humility
3. The Motivation: “Christ First” Worship

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think disunity is so common in many churches?
2. What kind of damage is done by disunity in the body of Christ?
3. Much of modern religion and spirituality has gone in the direction of “self-help.” How does the Bible’s depiction of true spirituality differ from this “new age” approach to spirituality?
4. How would you define and describe humility (using a combination of Biblical ideas, examples, and your own words)?
5. What connection is there between “unity” in the church and the attitude of “humility” in the church?
6. It is normal for people (including those in the local church together) to have many different opinions, perspectives, and preferences. How can such a diverse group of people in the church have meaningful “unity”?
7. Is there a specific way that the Holy Spirit might be leading you to “look to the interests of others” above your own this week? Some ideas include listening to others, praying for others, spending time with others, directly serving or helping others, allowing others to intrude into your personal time and space, and deferring to others in disagreement.
8. How does worshipping Christ keep us humble?