

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

## Heart to Heart

**Philippians 2:1-11 NIV; Matthew 7:24-25 NIV**

1. If Pastor Terry had to give an abbreviated version of last weekend's message, what two points or ideas would you tell him to include no matter what?
  
2. In our day-to-day life, it is natural for us to put our own wants and desires first before anyone else's. Where in your life do you tend to do this personally? Where do you tend to see this in your work and/or relationships?
  
3. In reading Philippians 2:1-11, the Apostle Paul is affirming and encouraging the church to come together as one through the love and same mindset of Jesus Christ. This weekend we looked at the example Jesus gave us on how to love by being faithful and obedient by giving of his life to death on the cross. How are we to apply faith and obedience of loving others like Jesus loved us to these following situations?
  - a. A friend is asking you to go on vacation with them and asks that you don't tell your other close friend about it.
  - b. Dealing with known gossip that you experienced within a friend group or church group. You don't do well with confrontation.
  - c. You don't see eye to eye on how you are spending money as a married couple when it comes to giving to the church.
  - d. You disagree with a situation at work and how the boss is handling a situation. Others are looking to see how you will respond.
  
4. **Digging Deeper:** Pastor Terry asked us to think about "What is keeping me from giving of myself to others? To the church? To Jesus?" We have a tendency to put our wants and desires first instead of what Paul writes in Philippians 2:3 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,"
  - a. Looking back on your own spiritual journey, have there been some specific areas where you have had selfish ambition or thought of yourself higher than you ought to? If so, what has helped you to be humble and to put others before yourself?
  
  - b. What specifically has kept you from putting others before yourself? Are there any adjustments you need to make in either your attitude or your focus? If so, what would it take?

c. Experiencing a difficult decision or experience can cause us to think about ourselves before thinking about others. Is there anything in your life right now that is causing for that to happen? What can your home group be praying for or helping you with, if they only knew about it?

**Closing in prayer:** Close in prayer this week as a group asking for the Holy Spirit to lead our hearts as a church to have the same mindset and love as Jesus.

**LEADERS:** *Please make your home group aware of a NEW video that Pastor Terry posted on Monday, May 24th on the "Priority of Prayer". IF you have some extra time, please discuss Mark 1:35 and Jesus' commitment to prayer. **Please remind your homegroup about 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday and to arrive at church at 10:15am.***