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**The Challenge Of Living In Community**

Philippians 2:1-11

**Key Truth:** Doing life together requires that we rearrange our lives around the person of Jesus Christ.

**Hindrances To Living As The Family Of God:**

1. Our Western culture.

2. Our family upbringing.

3. The rise of social media.

4. Our theology of the church.

5. Our bad experiences with other Christians.

1. Becoming a spiritual family is a supernatural act of

 God.

2. Living as the family of God takes some

 intentionality.

3. It starts with modeling the life Jesus lived on earth.

 A. Love others equally.

 B. Walk in humility.

 C. Obedient service to God and others brings true

 joy.

 D. Walk in unity of purpose and beliefs.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Meditate on Jesus this week, imitate His life and actions. You still have time to join a Connection Group.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Read Mark 10:43-45: How did Jesus describe His own attitude? Why is serving others necessary if you want to display humility?

Is it possible to serve others and yet not do so with the right mind or attitude? What might this kind of service look like?

Though culture often views humility as a weakness, in what ways did Jesus’ humility convey and require strength?

What is one opportunity when you can set aside 10 minutes, each day, and read this passage in Philippians 2? How do you think your attitude might begin to change as you do so?

Has the reality of Jesus’ lordship penetrated all the spheres of your life? Which area of your life is stubbornly resisting the truth of His reign?

Read James 3:13-18: Why does selfish ambition lead to disunity and strife among the body of Christ? How can we fight against that in our own hearts?