

## Bible Study 1 – A humble spirit – Philippians 2:1-13

*It seems that people are becoming more focused on themselves, rather than others. More affluence leads to a greater sense of self-reliance and a detachment from others. Advertisers know that people are self-centred and use this in commercials. Social media is self-centred. How many followers do you have? How many people liked your post? We take selfies. And narcissistic behaviour is all around us. But a self-centred attitude is dangerous in a church. What does the Bible say about it?*

<b>The context</b>	Philippians illustrates the relationship between a local church and a missionary. Paul wrote this letter while he was under house arrest in Rome (1:13; 4:22). They were a church where there was communication, visitation, prayer, and practical support. God was at work in this church; they remained loyal to the faith and had an enduring partnership in the gospel. But they were not perfect. One of their problems was a disagreement between two women that divided the church (1:27; 4:2-3).
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### ***PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – Philippians 2:1-13***

Our unity & humility (v.1-4)	
Christ's humility (v.5-8)	
Christ's exaltation (v.9-11)	
Obedience (v.12-13)	

### ***PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage***

***1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?***

***2. What does it teach about people?***

***3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.***

***4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?***

***5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?***

***6. a) How can we be more unified?***

***b) How can we be more humble?***

***7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?***

Jesus had a sacrificial servant attitude towards others. Let's be humble like Him in order to promote unity in the local church.

