

## Adult Impact Study Sheet

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If possible, read **Philippians 2:5-8** from several translations.

For additional insight go to [www.studylight.org](http://www.studylight.org) and [www.gotquestions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org).

1. In reference to our having the same mind/attitude which was in Christ Jesus, Warren Wiersbe writes, "...outlook determines outcome. If the outlook is selfish, the actions will be divisive and destructive."<sup>1</sup> Consider that statement in light of Mark 8:34-35.
2. Jesus did not think of Himself, He thought of others. Discuss how Paul addresses that for the believer in Phil. 2:1-4.
3. It is often said that humility is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking of yourself less. What does that mean?
4. Serving others is a Christian's best way to become more like Christ.<sup>2</sup> (See Mark 10:45) Talk about that.
5. "God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—in their omniscience (all-knowledge)—could actually look into the future, down the corridor of time, to see that the Son would suffer and die on Cavalry's cruel cross. All three Persons would cooperate to work to that end. It was [an] all-settled fact in Heaven before it even came to pass on Earth."<sup>3</sup> (See Acts 2:22-23) Christ Jesus knew from before the foundation of the world and yet it took His humble obedience to make it happen. Discuss that.
6. Verse 7 says Christ Jesus "made Himself of no reputation," "made Himself nothing." "emptied Himself." What does that mean?

How did that affect His ministry?

7. "Jesus did not pretend to be a servant; He was not an actor playing a role. He actually was a servant!"<sup>4</sup>  
Is it possible for a believer to play the role of a servant without having a servant's heart? What does having a servant's heart entail and how does that manifest itself in everyday life?
8. Our lesson last week focused on obedience. Here we see in verse 8 that obedience is an act, an outworking of humility. How does that work out in the life of a believer?

<sup>1</sup> Warren Wiersbe, *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary NT*, 636

<sup>2</sup> *The Handbook of Bible Application*, 553

<sup>3</sup> Shawn Brasseaux, *Christian Ambassador*, 10/24/18

<sup>4</sup> Warren Wiersbe, *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary NT*, 636