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The Mind of Christ

Philippians 2:5

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Sermon Notes

The first question on the lips of Jesus in the Gospel of John is “what do you _____” (Jn 1:38 NKJV) or “what do you _____”? (NIV)

In the Bible, “mind” usually refers to your _____.

According to Paul, we believers _____ the mind of _____ (1 Cor 2:16).

Philippians 2:5 in the ESV or RSV translates “have this mind _____ yourselves, which is _____ in Christ Jesus.”

The problem in Philippi seems to boil down to two women who needed to _____ in the Lord (literally, “to have the same _____”) (Phil 4:2).

Paul’s 4-part case:

1. The good of the _____ trumps self-interest (1:25; 2:3-4; 2:21)
2. The church is called to stand _____ by _____ (1:27; 2:2)
3. Paul grounds these two points in the story of _____ (2:5-11)
4. Paul contrasts the gospel of the _____ with every other thing.

All of these can be seen in Philippians 4:1-3.

Questions for Discussion (for small group, personal reflection, or family devotional)

1. Be honest with yourself. What do you really want? (Name them).
2. According to Paul, you *have* the mind of Christ! How is this good news?
3. What would it look like for you to adopt and live out the mind of Christ? At home? At work? With the church? With your neighbors?
4. What would it look like for the church collectively to adopt the mind of Christ?

Action Item

1. I will live out of the mind of Christ by resolving to _____

Answers: seek; want; will/desire; have; Christ; among; yours; agree; mind; whole; side; side; Jesus; cross.



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Colossians 2:21 (KJV); 2:20-23 (CEV)	Matthew 26:42
John 1:38 (NIV)	Mark 11:24 (NIRV)
Mark 10:51 or Luke 18:41	1 Corinthians 2:16
Matthew 20:32 or Mark 10:36	Philippians 4:7
John 5:6	Romans 15:5-6
Nehemiah 4:6	Philippians 2:5 (ESV or RSV)
Genesis 11:6	Philippians 1:25; 2:3-4; 2:21
Psalms 40:8	Philippians 1:27; 2:2
Psalms 143:10	Philippians 2:6-11
Hebrews 10:7-9	Philippians 4:1-3 (ESV)
Matthew 6:10	Romans 15:1-9

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