

Humbled 2 B Exalted

the Inside Out way of Jesus

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Key Texts

Matthew 23:5, 27

Luke 18:9-14

Philippians 2:1-11

Thinking & talking through the biblical text during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. Here are some key questions to get you started.

Reflection Questions:

- What questions and comments did you have about the sermon and supporting texts?

Read Luke 18:9-14

- Who are the Pharisee (what are they like?) who is the tax collector (what are they like?)
- Who is the audience in this story?
- What is the main point of this story?
- What does it mean to humble oneself?
- What does being exalted mean?
- What is the difference between external and internal faith?
- Why do we often focus on the externals?
- Why and how does pride sidetrack us and others from the kingdom of God?
- Is there a sense in which external demonstration of faith is essential? If so, in what way(s)? How is this different from the external demonstrations of the Pharisee?

Read Philippians 2:1-11

- How did Jesus humble himself?
- In what sense is humbling oneself not about putting oneself down?
- How do we humble ourselves? What does being humble look like? What does this look like in terms of how we interact with others?
- What does it mean to live out v3-4? What does this look like?
- What did it mean for Jesus to be elevated or exalted?

Reflect & Live

If the way of Jesus (and the way of walking with Jesus) is inside out or upside down (in comparison to how we and our world often think) how do we (in step with the Spirit) humble ourselves so that Jesus is exalted and people in our circles are drawn to Jesus and the Kingdom?

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