



Your Map is NOT the Territory

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Key Passage
Philippians 2:1-8

Talking through the message during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps.

Questions – Talking Points

- Were there any sections of scripture discussed that need more clarification? What stood out? What part(s) did you not understand?
- 1. We started the year with **21 Days of Prayer**
- 2. Then we re-rooted ourselves in understanding the Gospel, using Bruxy Cavey's **The Gospel In 30 Words**
Jesus is God with us, come to show us God's love, save us from sin, set up God's kingdom, and shut down religion, so we can share in God's life.
- 3. Then we started **21 Days of Gratitude** – an attitude of thanks can change how we view ourselves and others.
- 4. Then we saw the importance of doing life **together**.
 - How are you living out **Prayer – the Gospel – Gratitude – Together?**

Read Philippians 2:1-8 every day this week

- What does “*Your map is not your territory* mean?”
- We assume we have all the information – we don't – only God does. How does this change how we interact with others?
- Pastor Mike said we can begin to live this out by
 - **Getting all our life** (love, worth, significance, security) from Jesus
- Make sure you are being fueled only by the love of Christ and his love for you and the other person. Remind yourself of this — keep repeating it if necessary. It also helps to make a habit of spending time with Jesus and let him pour his life into you. Engage your imagination and see him, hear him saying to you all the things that the Bible says are true. You can only be compelled by the love of Christ if you know it.
 - **Speaking humbly**
- This means that when you state your viewpoint, always qualify that this is what “*you*” think. Only God has the complete map of reality. Present your views just as your perspective. Don't assume you know the motives of another. To place the interest of others above yourself, it is infinitely more useful to ask them why they do / believe the things they do.
 - **Being willing to suspend our map**
- Focus on entering into the map of another. This is what Jesus did; God entered into our reality – he became one of us. Do not try to get people to agree with your map. Our role should be to “incarnate” ourselves into the other person's perspective. Try to understand what they think.

Next Steps:

- Plan on meeting with others to talk about these questions.
- What will you do this week to live this way.
- Continue to practice **21 Days of Gratitude**.

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