

Series: Rejoice!
Sermon: Have This Mind in You
Scripture: Philippians 2:1-8

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,^[a] ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,^[b] ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,^[c] being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Questions:

- Why is it so important for a church to be unified? In what ways might a church achieve superficial unity? What might be the cost of true unity?
- In what ways do you tend toward “selfish ambition?” What can you do differently to cultivate the mind of Christ?
- Who in your life do you find it is hardest to count as more significant than yourself? Why?
- If someone examined your calendar or bank account this past month, what would they conclude about whose interests you’re serving?
- What is one act of humility that you can do this week?

Guided Prayer: Praise God that He is a humble God. Thank Jesus for humbling himself by becoming human and dying for our sin. Ask God to help you to grow in humility. Ask Him to show you prideful ways in your heart. Repent of pride and ask Him to teach you to be gentle and humble like Jesus. Thank Him for loving you and showing you grace. In Jesus’ name, Amen.