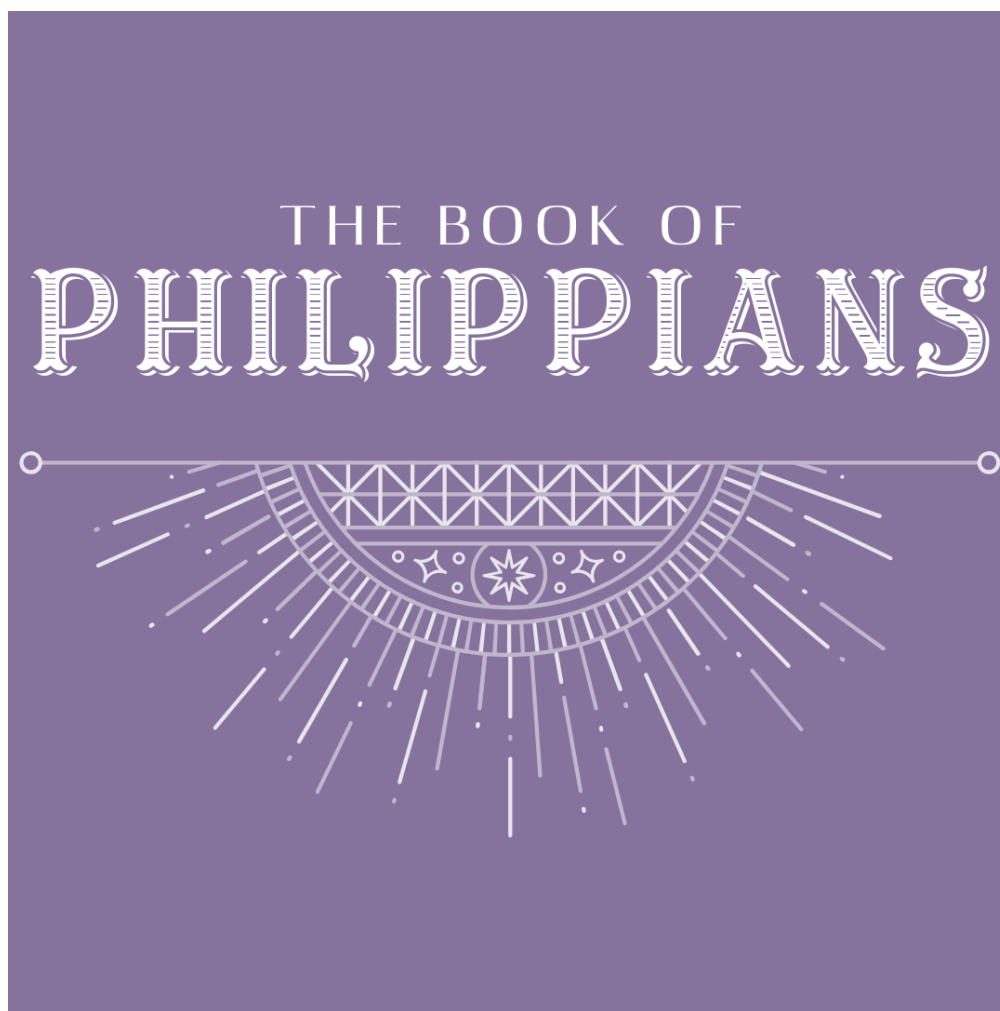




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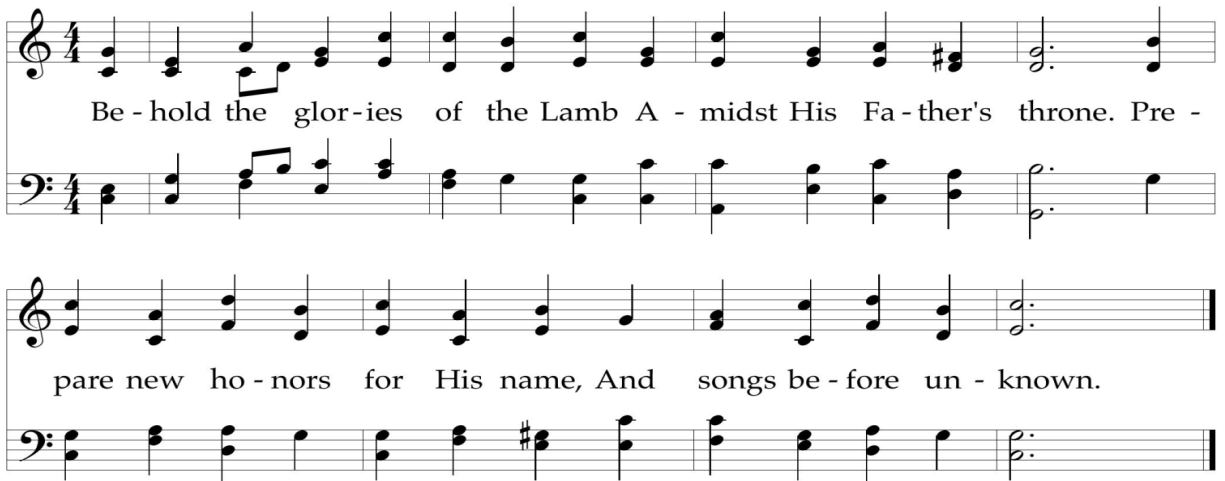
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GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

Introit—Behold the Glories of the Lamb, Vs I



Be - hold the glor - ies of the Lamb A - midst His Fa - ther's throne. Pre -
pare new ho - nors for His name, And songs be - fore un - known.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1688; Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727

Call to Worship—from Psalm 122:1 & Psalm 27:4, 8, 11, 14

Pastor: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
You have said, "Seek my face."

All: Our hearts say to you, "Your face, LORD, do we seek."

Pastor: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

All: To gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

Pastor: Teach us your way, O LORD, and lead us on a level path.

All: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Hymn of Praise—Come, Thou Fount



Come, thou Fount of ev - ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; Hith - er by thy help I'm come; And I
O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be; Let that
mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me
hope, by thy good pleas - ure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus
grace now, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee. Prone to

some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the
 sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God: He, to
 wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my
 mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

Hymn of Praise—Psalm 138: I Will Give You Thanks and Praise You

I will give You thanks and praise You, God of gods, with all my heart.
 On the day I called You an - swered, Made me bold with - in my soul;
 All the kings of earth will praise You When Your words of truth they hear;
 Your Right Hand will save and keep me; All I need You will sup - ply.
 I will bow be - fore Your tem - ple, Grate - ful praise to You im - part.
 When I walk in trou - bled pla - ces, You re - vive and make me whole.
 Of Your ways, of Your great glo - ry Glad - ly they will loud - ly cheer.
 For Your love is ev - er - last - ing Reach - ing from be - yond the sky.
 For Your Name and for Your glo - ry, You have mag - ni - fied Your Word!
 For our hand will gent - ly shield me, And my fear - some foes con - trol.
 For the proud shall not ap - proach You, Yet You hold the low - ly dear.
 You will not for - sake or leave me; You will save me when I cry.

Text: Psalm 138, *The Ailbe Psalter*, 2006; Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry Smart, 1867.

New Testament Reading—I Corinthians 9:19-23

¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Sung Preparation—Come, O Redeemer, Come



Fa - ther en-throned on high, Ho - ly, Ho - ly: An - cient e - ter - nal light, hear our prayer.
Look now up - on our need, Lord be, with us; heal us and make us free, from our sin.



Come, O Redeem-er, come, grant us mer-cy. Come, O Redeem-er, come, grant us peace.

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Corporate Confession of Sin—based on I John 1:5-8

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We have heard your message and it has been proclaimed to us.
You are light, and in You there is no darkness at all.

All: If we say we have fellowship with you while we walk in darkness,
we lie and do not practice the truth.

Pastor: But if we walk in the light as You are in the light, we have fellowship with on another.

All: And the blood of Jesus Your Son cleanses us from all sin.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves.

All: And the truth is not in us.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—from I John I:9-10

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Hymn of Praise—As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams

As the hart longs for flow - ing streams,
My tears have fed me day and night,
Why do I mourn and toil with - in,

so longs my soul for thee, O God.
while men have said, "Where is your God?"
when it is mine to hope in God?

My soul does thirst for the liv - ing God
But I re - call as my soul pours dry,
I shall a - gain sing - praise to him;

When shall I come to see thy face?
the days of praise With - in thy house.
he is my help, he is my God.

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GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, 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. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: **But the Word of our God will stand forever.**

Sermon—Press on Toward the Goal: A Study of Philippians, Part 7

The Power of Being Emptied

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

Sung Response—Let Glory Be to God on High



Let glo - ry be to God on high: Peace be on earth as
O Lord, the sole be - got - ten Son, Who bore the crimes which
Have mer - cy on us, through Thy blood; Re - ceive our prayer, O
in the sky; Good will to men! We bow the knee,
we had done; Son of the Fa - ther, who wast slain
Lamb of God! For Thou art ho - - ly; Thou a - lone,
We praise, we bless, we wor - ship Thee; We give Thee thanks, Thy
To take a - way the sins of men; O Lamb of God, whose
At God's right hand, up - on His throne, In all His glo - ry,
name we sing, Al - might - y Fa - ther! Heav'n - ly King!
blood was spilt, For all the world, and all its guilt—
art a - dored, With Thee, O Ho - ly Ghost, one Lord.

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Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven
 and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
 from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

Sung Response—Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might, -

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might, -

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho san-na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

Celebration of First Communion

—Amara Elliott, daughter of Mark & Lindsey Elliott

Hymn of Communion—Jesus, Blessed Lord and Savior



Je - sus, bless - èd Lord and Sav - ior, Bowed in death on Cal - v'ry's tree,
From the high - est heights of glo - ry, To the cross of deep - est shame,
From the dark - ness and the dis - tance, From the crush - ing load of sin,
Thus as - sured of Thine ac - cept - ance We to God may now draw near;



Dark - est hour of bit - ter judg - ment, Borne to set Thy peo - ple free;
Thus ac - com - plish - ing re - demp - tion, Je - sus in His pi - ty came;
Bless - èd Sav - ior, Thou hast freed us, By Thy blood hast made us clean;
In the hol - i - est may wor - ship; Per - fect love hath cast out fear;



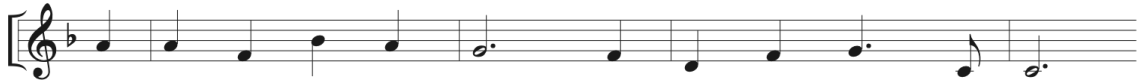
Sweet our por - tion, sweet our por - tion, As we thus re - mem - ber Thee.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, We a - dore Thy match - less name.
In Thy beau - ty, in Thy beau - ty, Now Thy ran - somed ones are seen.
To the Fa - ther, to the Fa - ther, We in Christ are near and dear.

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Hymn of Communion—I Hunger and I Thirst



I hun-ger and I thirst, Je - sus, my man - na be;
Thou true life - giv - ing Vine, Let me Thy sweet - ness prove;
For still the de - sert lies My thirst - ing soul be - fore;



Ye liv - ing wa - ters, burst Out of the rock for me.
Re - new my life with Thine, Re - fresh my soul with love.
O liv - ing wa - ters, rise With - in me ev - er - more.



Thou bruised and bro - ken Bread, My life - long wants sup - ply;
Rough paths my feet have trod Since first their course be - gan;
I hun - ger and I thirst, Je - sus, my man - na be;



As liv - ing souls are fed, O feed me, or I die.
Feed me, Thou Bread of God; Help me, Thou Son of Man.
Ye liv - ing wa - ters, burst Out of the rock for me.

Text: John S.B. Monsell, 1866; Music: Nathan Johnson, 2017, Used by Permission.

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.

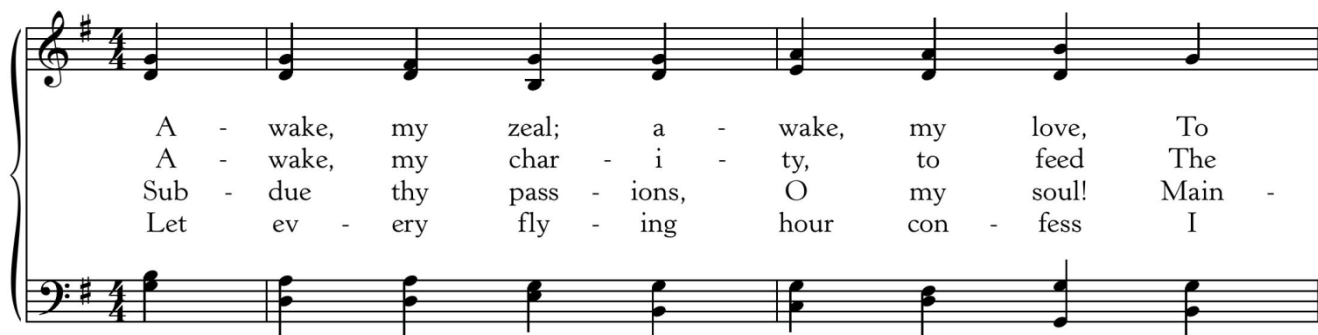
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

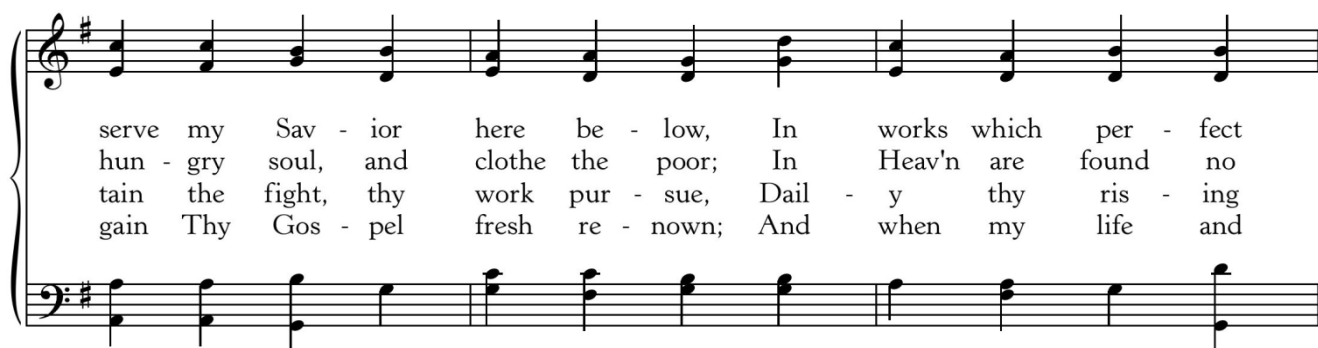
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*


Hymn of Praise—Awake My Zeal, Awake My Love



A - wake, my zeal; a - wake, my love, To
A - wake, my char - i - ty, to feed The
Sub - due thy pass - ions, O my soul! Main -
Let ev - ery fly - ing hour con - fess I



serve my Sav - ior here be - low, In works which per - fect
hun - gry soul, and clothe the poor; In Heav'n are found no
tain the fight, thy work pur - sue, Dail - y thy ris - ing
gain Thy Gos - pel fresh re - nown; And when my life and



saints a - bove And ho - ly an - gels can - not do.
sons of need, There all these du - ties are no more.
sins con - trol, And be thy vic' - tries ev - er new.
la - bors cease, May I poss - ess the prom - ised crown!

Text: Vs 1-4, Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: TALLIS CANON, Thomas Tallis, 1560.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—based on Philippians 4:7

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

Sung Response—O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs II

Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call; I know the sweet
sound of Thy voice. Re - store and de - fend me, for Thou art my
All, And in Thee I will ev - er re - joice.

Text: Joseph Swain, 1791; Music: DAVIS, 1813.

Prayer Focus—Josh (Gina) Rieger is a church planter with Mission to the World (the foreign mission agency of the PCA) in Hexham, which is in Northumberland, England, one of the less densely populated counties in England, the most secular and most northern county in England. One hundred years ago Northumberland had 90 Presbyterian Church in 4 Presbyteries but today there are only 3 evangelical churches. Josh and Gina have ministered for six years in Northern England. Five years ago they planted a new church in Hexham, a town that has not had an evangelical church in 40 years. Please pray for Joshua and Gina in the following ways:

- that the Lord would bless the congregation with families and young adults. Over the last year we've had two families and a few young adults begin to attend. Pray this would continue. This is a blessing to the church, but also a great blessing for the Rieger children. However, the young adults in particular would love more fellowship with people their age.
- continue to pray for other mothers with whom Gina would be able to develop close friendships. Two new mothers have joined the church in the last year, a specific answer to your prayers. Pray that Gina would develop close friendships with these women and also women in the community to whom she could witness.
- that the Lord would develop love and unity in the church. The members come from all sorts of backgrounds and this has led to tensions in the congregation in the past.
- that the Lord would raise up men to serve as elders and deacons. Josh is currently going through training with one man who is a potential elder. Pray as we go through the process of calling this man to be an elder in the coming months.
- for the new members course over the next 2 Sundays. There are 8-10 people who have started attending over the last few months we are praying will come into membership in the coming weeks.
- for several non-believers or very weak believers who attend the church from time to time, that the Lord would continue to draw them to himself.
- for Josh's work with Boy's Brigade at the local Methodist Church. Most of the boys who come are from non-believing homes and the weekly devotionals from the Word each week are their first introduction to the Scriptures.
- for Nate's visit to Hexham in April. He will be the speaker for our second biannual Hexham Bible Conference.

Today's message, "The Power of Being Emptied" is taken from Philippians 2:5-11. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG)

- Based on today's message, how is a Christian's view of power, position, and influence different from that of the world?
- Considering Philippians 2:6-8, how does Jesus Christ use His power, position, and influence?
- When Paul says Christ "emptied himself," what exactly does he mean and why is that significant?
- Paul writes in I Corinthians 9:22, "That I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." How is Paul's approach to mission an expression of Christ's "emptying" in Philippians 2?
- Discuss with those around you what a modern-day example of becoming all things to all men might look like. Then consider the positions of power and influence the Lord has given you. From your positions of influence, what would it look like for you to be emptied for others?
- What was your biggest takeaway from today's message?

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