

Philippians: To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain

Session **Three**: The One God Exalts

Part A) Chandler explores several verses and stories that address a key theme at the beginning of Philippians, Chapter Two: Mercy will be given to those who fear. In particular he spends time considering the story Zacchaeus in the tree found in Luke, Chapter Nineteen. This chapter ends with Jesus saying in verse 10, "...the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" (NIV translation).

In the book of Philippians, Chapter Two, Paul asks those in Philippi to live with the same attitude as Jesus Christ once did. Paul prompts Christ's followers to consider if they spend time seeking the lost, or if they only engage with those already found.

If a greater part of our job as Christians is to seek out and help save the lost, spreading the *Good News* of the Gospel, have we done so?

How might you go about seeking out the lost more regularly, or with a direct approach just as Jesus did with Zacchaeus, to inform them of Jesus Christ?

Part B) Chandler goes on to remark on trends throughout the Bible, specifically God's tendency to elevate and exalt those who may not be anticipated leaders, or those who may be overlooked. Chandler recounts Samuel's anointing of David in 1 Samuel, and even how Peter, a fisherman, was recruited to his role as an apostle in Matthew, Chapter Four.

How has Jesus Christ - sent to die for the sins of mankind - allowed the common, everyday man and woman an opportunity to serve and walk with God?

Why is this such an essential part of spreading the *Good News* to those who might deem themselves unworthy of forgiveness?

Part C) Chandler closes his sermon by asking us to step away from our walks of entitlement, and he reminds us that God opposes the proud, but praises the humble. Paul asks the Philippians to "Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves" (Philippians, Chapter Two, Verse 3, NIV).

How can this attitude benefit the seeking and saving of the lost? How is humility a trait required throughout one's entire journey of faith?