

REFRAMED – WEEK 3 GROUP GUIDE

Reframed Greatness

MESSAGE RECAP

In Philippians 1, Paul helped us reframe what’s happening to us—our problems, the noise around us, and even our suffering. But in Philippians 2, the focus shifts to what’s happening between us. The greatest threat to the church in Philippi wasn’t persecution from Rome; it was rivalry, comparison, selfish ambition, and the need to be right or recognized within the church. So, Paul gives a radical reminder: if we really want the gospel to advance, we have to stop trying to advance ourselves. In God’s kingdom, greatness is measured differently. The world defines greatness by platform, recognition, and being first—but Jesus showed us that true greatness looks like humility, unity, and putting others first.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Where do you tend to feel the need to prove yourself the most (work, home, social media, church, etc.)?
2. **Unity Over Ego:** Read Philippians 2:1-2
 - a. What descriptions of unity stand out to you and why?
 - b. Where do you see rivalry or comparison creep into relationships today?
3. **Measured by How We Treat Others:** Read Philippians 2:3-4
 - a. What stands out to you about Paul’s definition of greatness?
 - b. Why is it so difficult to “value others above yourselves”?
 - c. How is biblical humility different from being weak or passive?
4. **The Mindset of Christ:** Read Philippians 2:5-11
 - a. What do you notice about the attitude of Jesus in this passage?
 - b. Where might God be inviting you to choose to surrender over recognition?
 - c. Why do we often try to grasp control, recognition, or influence instead of trusting God?
5. What would one step of humility look like for you this week?
6. Bonus: (If Time allows) Have your group read through the rest of Philippians 2 and pick out one verse that stands out to them.

End your group time in prayer.