

w/b 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019

THEME: TRANSFORMATION - NEW ATTITUDE - LIFE APPLICATION

PASSAGE: PHILIPPIANS 2: 1-11

## LAUNCH

Describe a situation where you attended a social or family event with a bad attitude. Why was your attitude bad? How did it affect your enjoyment of the event? How did it affect the enjoyment of the event by others? How did it affect your contribution to the event as a whole?

Now think about an event where you had a positive attitude and ask the same questions again in reverse. Why was your attitude good etc

Would it be true to say that our attitude towards something massively affects its outcome? Why or why not?

## DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING

What arguments does Paul use as the basis of his appeal for Christian unity (verses 1-4)

How does Philippians 2:2 help us to understand exactly what unity means?

In what ways do the wrong attitudes of 'selfish ambition', 'vain conceit' and 'looking only to our own interests' undermine unity?

How can these types of behaviour manifest themselves in the church?

Ambition, conceit and self interest are dangerous forces that can leak out in subtle and dangerous ways. Which one of these might you be in the greatest danger of succumbing to and why?

In what way is the mindset of Christ an example to us and how is it so contrary to the way of the world?

In what areas might the Spirit be challenging you to walk a path of greater humility? In relationships, at church, at work or in the family?

## APPLICATION

Pray for the Holy Spirit to help us to deal with personality traits in our lives that undermine unity.

Pray that through his Spirit God will promote great unity within your home group and within the church as a whole.

*(David Stone – study guide to a life worth living used as key source of questions. Some amendments and a few additional questions thrown in.)*