

## A NEW WAY TO BE HUMAN

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**BIG IDEA: How we are to be in this world & why? *Be like Jesus—a new way to be human.***

Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one soul and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. <sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: **Philippians 2:1-5**

“The Gospel **Experienced-and-Expressed** empowers us and changes our **Direction** together. But, we still need to **Identify** the old way of being and replace the old with Other-Oriented, Cross-shaped **Humility**, because this is **Who God Is.**”

1. The Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ empowers us. (1) (Jn. 7:38)

2. That Gospel changes our \_\_\_\_\_ together. (2)

“I have given them the glory you have given me, so that they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me, so that they may be made completely one” **John 17:22-23** CSB

3. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the Old Way of being. (3)

“selfish ambition” “vain conceit”

4. Replace the old with **Other-Oriented, Cross-shaped** \_\_\_\_\_. (3-4)

*“the essence of gospel-humility is not thinking more of myself or thinking less of myself, it is thinking of myself less.”* **Tim Keller**

- **Value others above yourselves.** (Lk. 23:34)
- **Not looking to your own interests.** (Lk. 22:42)
- **But each of you to the interests of the others.** “...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” **Mt. 20:28.**

5. Because this is \_\_\_\_\_. (5) (Jn. 13; Col. 1:15)

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest... I am gentle and humble in heart...” **Matthew 11:28-30**

“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.” **Jn. 14:9**

“This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.” **1 John 4:17**

### IN PRACTICE:

- At the start of each day, \_\_\_\_\_ specifically on the needs & interests of others you know you’ll encounter.
- \_\_\_\_\_ them in value and importance in your mind. Pray it aloud. Ask God to help.
- \_\_\_\_\_ on it—others-first.