Fusion Q's The Quest for Eternal Life – The Embrace of God

What's Up? ...

If there are new students, get to know them a little before starting.

Discussion Starter... Would you rather eat a ghost pepper or have diarrhea for a week?

Discussion Questions

Q1. What was your biggest takeaway from tonight's message?

Q2. What is the most compelling part of the story of the prodigal son? Why do you think the father chose to embrace his son?

Q3. What do you think it looks like for someone to be humble before God? How is repentance part of this?

READ Phil 2:1-11; 1 Peter 5b-7

Q4. What do you think about Paul's statement that every knee will bow before Jesus? What does our culture think about that?

Q5. What is so important about being humble? What's the alternative?

Q6. Jesus was the perfect example of being humble. In what areas (think verses 3 and 4) do you need to grow in humility to be more like Jesus?

Q7. What do you think your school would be like if everyone there lived how Paul said we should live?

Q8. Peter says we can give all of our cares and worries to God. Are there cares and worries that you need to give to God? What are they?

Group prayer... it's time to practice what we just learned! If you have things to pray about, let's do it!

BIBLE TEXTS

Philippians 2:1-11 (NLT)

Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? ² Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

⁶ Though he was God,

he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form,

- ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.
- ⁹ Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names,
- ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- ¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1 Peter 5:5b-7 (NLT)

And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ⁶ So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. ⁷ Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.