

"For I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"
[Philippians 4:13]

### Talk summary:

# FOLLOWING JESUS' EXAMPLE Philippians 1:27-2:18

**Main Message:** We are to take a 'serving stance' to the world as we seek to reflect Christ in all we do

**Key Verse:** Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. (2:17)

# **Section summary:**

Paul tells the Philippians that even though they face persecution and danger, their lives as Christians should be consistent with the truth of God in Jesus who gave himself up in love for others. Suffering because of Jesus is a way of living out the Gospel.

#### 'So what?':

Christ chose to empty Himself of all his prestige and power in order to serve others, to take the 'low' position. Where might Christ be calling us to 'go low' in our relationships, breaking down the walls of power and privilege that we often put up to those outside. How much are we willing to change the way we do things in order to be more welcoming to those who don't yet know Christ?

We are able to do this 'all through Christ'

#### Questions:

#### **Conversation Starter**

Where have you been blessed by someone's service this week?

What might God be saying to me about this theme/situation?

What have I learnt that I want to hold on to?

How am I going to put it into practice?

