Potential Discussion Questions Message: Engage JOY, Pt 14 (7-16-17) Relational JOY in Unity, pt 2 (Phil. 2:5-11)

- 1. Share how considering humility and selfishness has impacted you in some way over the past week. Is there a specific situation where God brought this to mind? How did it work out?
- 2. How do (or might) you avoid the danger of taking amazing truths too lightly? What helps "stir them up" for you?
- 3. "The way up is the way down" is counter-intuitive to us. We seem to wrestle with the reality of humility and exaltation. How does 1 Peter 5:5-7 encourage you?
- 4. Think your way back through vs 5-8. Read them together. Talk through the meaning of the many specific and important words highlighted in the message. Can you explain them? Why are the differences important? What questions & comments do you have?
- 5. Put in your own words how the significance of this passage hits you. What have you learned? How does it challenge you?
- 6. This is a very doctrinal passage which grows out of a very practical challenge. Talk about how important truth is to guide our minds, hearts and behavior. Where does this stretch you?
- 7. Is there something you are tempted to grasp that interferes with living out humble, sacrificial service? How can you respond to the conviction/challenge?
- 8. Discuss the implications of *every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord.* (You might want to include some prayer time for those who have not yet done so.)
- 9. Jesus could have died in many other ways. Where else does Scripture teach the importance of the cross? How does this speak to your heart?
- 10. What in this study gives you the most to think about? What will you do with it this week? How would you like others to pray for you in regard to this text?