

Delta Lesson: October 18<sup>th</sup>  
“God’s Greatest”  
“God’s Greatest Challenge”

**Big Idea: We are Followers of a Dishonored Slave.**

**Open it: Since we are talking the greatest answer the following:**

**- Greatest TV show? Greatest Movie? Greatest President? Greatest  
Nebraska Quarterback?**

Philippi was a city obsessed with status. We talked in the lesson this week about Rome and Philippi’s definitive classes of people. It is amazing that the Gospel first came to that region in the heart of that mindset. God makes it clear in His Word and the example of His Son that His view of Greatness stands in stark contrast to our culture. This lesson will look at a few scriptures that hopefully will challenge us to examine specifically how we live. How different would everyday look if we realized “We are Followers of a Dishonored Slave?”

**Dig it: Read Philippians 2:1-11**

1. List the things Paul says to do and not to do. What do you think the connection is between unity and humility?
2. In your own words, describe the “attitude of mind” Jesus had.
3. What would it look like for the Philippians to have this attitude?

**Read Acts 16:22-34, 37.**

1. In what way does Paul “practice what he preaches” in Philippians 2?
2. What do you think the impact is on the church that Paul does not claim his citizenship and its benefits when he is arrested?
3. What impact does it have on the spread of the gospel?

**Reflect on it:**

1. Practically, how would this “attitude of Christ” rearrange our life and relationships? How does it affect your marriage, family or job?
2. How would you contrast what we are called to pursue as Jesus-followers with the values of our “climb the ladder” culture?
3. Striving to be like Jesus seems out of reach sometimes but how does the real example of Paul inspire or encourage you?
4. What kind of impact could our church have if we had this “attitude of Christ?”

**Do it:**

1. How can you “humble yourself” this week?
2. Pray for practical impact as we live out this “mind of Christ.”