

Digging Deeper into The Pastoral Principles: Ignorance and power

Here's a reminder of the aim of this course.

Held together in the love of Christ: principles for living and learning well together

The purpose of this course is to help church communities to examine afresh their life and learning together in the face of difference and diversity. In this course we are invited to think about the things which impair relationships. This week we're thinking about 'power'.

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Chat

- How easy or difficult do you find it to understand where someone is coming from when they disagree with you about something?
- How do you feel when someone doesn't take the time to understand your point of view and why you hold it?

Study

Read Philippians 2:1-11

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2&version=NIV>

- Remember we're looking at this passage to see how it can help us to live and learn well together even when we disagree. It has been said that we can't understand someone until we have walked a mile in their shoes. How do we know from these verses that God understands us?
- If Jesus could give up so much to "walk in our shoes", what should we be prepared to do to understand others who are different from us?
- We are told in Philippians 2:5 to 'have the same mindset as Christ Jesus'. What was that mindset (v.6-11)
- How can we show that mindset in our relationships with each other (v.1-4)?

Think

- Think back over the conversations you've had with people today or the way that you've interacted with them. On reflection, is there anything you might have said/done differently?
- Is there anything you need to do or say to someone as a result of reflecting on this?

