

Wednesday

Read Philippians 2:1-2 *Love alike*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How have you been encouraged in the way Charlotte encouraged Wilbur? Have you been the Charlotte in someone else's life?*
2. *When have you not been of the same mind with others, in your life or in the church? Were you able to come to agreement in Christ?*

Prayer Focus: Creator, we know that we have trouble letting go of our own interests even to find the joy you want for us. Teach us to love alike, even if we don't think alike.

Thursday

Read Philippians 2:3 *Value others more than yourself*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What does humility mean for you? What does it look like?*
2. *What might change if we saw others as better than ourselves?*

Prayer Focus: Gracious God, how we think can influence how we live. Show us how we might change, how the world might change, if we see others as better than ourselves.

Friday

Read Philippians 2:4 *Put others first*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How can we watch for things that divide us as a community? Where can we put others first?*
2. *What ways of Christ would you most like to embrace today?*

Prayer Focus: God of All, help us today to begin to see the world through your eyes. Help us live in line with your interests rather than our own. Bless us in our efforts to live in love with everyone, after the example of your son, Jesus.

God in the Movies: Charlotte's Web

Pastor's Message: Speaking words of encouragement.

Message Notes:

Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *Share a time when someone was a true friend to you.*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12** and **Philippians**

2:1-4. Discuss observations about the text

- *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
- *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)

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Monday

Read **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10** *Finding support with others*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *When have you worked with someone else to improve a task or a situation? Was there a better outcome than there might have been if you had been alone?*
2. *Have you ever needed help and no one was there to help you? How does it feel when someone helps you?*

Prayer Focus

Almighty Friend, thank you for making sure we are not alone. Help us to run to others who might be struggling on their own.

Tuesday

Read **Ecclesiastes 4:11-12** *The value of a friend*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How have others been of comfort to you in a difficult time?*
2. *Have you ever felt defeated because you had no help?*

Prayer Focus

Brother Jesus, even with all our means of communication, it seems we are more isolated than ever before. Remind us that reaching out to others is your chosen way. Grant us courage to share ourselves with others.