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## **The Heart of Christ: Is It Yours?**

Philippians 1:27-2:11



1. Read Philippians 1:27-2:11 and share any thoughts about Paul's exhortations to unity in the local church:
2. Read John 13:35, John 17:11, and John 17:21-24. Why is local church unity such a big deal?
3. In Philippians 1:27-30, notice the emphasis on single-mindedness. What terms bring out that mindset? Why would Paul emphasize this as he is writing from prison? What was going on in the church that caused him to write this (1:15-17, 2:14-15, 4:2)? What implications does this have for Lakeside? For you?
4. In Philippians 2:1-2, Paul emphasizes the need to be like-minded by reminding them of four things they have in common. Paul uses the word "if" that literally means "since" – these four statements are statements of fact! What four things are true of all born-again believers (2:1-2), and what do they have to do with unity in a local church like Lakeside?
5. In Philippians 2:3-8, Paul talks about being lowly-minded by being Christ-minded. Write down as many descriptions or adjectives Paul uses to describe the mind of Christ. How does this compel unity? How does this help maintain unity in a local church like Lakeside?

Connection Card Next Steps: Philippians 2:5-8

I commit to unity at Lakeside through adopting the following attitudes: like-mindedness, lowly-mindedness, and Christ-mindedness.

I am thankful for Christ's heart for me and want to be Exhibit A of the Heart of Christ for others.