The Hymn of Christ
Philippians 2:1-11

Into the Lesson:

If you have had opportunity, or thought about, travel outside the U.S. what are some of the difficulties you might expect to encounter?

Side Note: since the last census, the majority language group in Central Florida is Spanish. (Now I wish I had paid better attention in my grade school Spanish classes.)

How would an awareness of the following help:

Cultural norms-
Conversion rates of money-
Ability to communicate-

Is it possible to encounter some of these same difficulties without leaving the borders of the U.S.?

Into the Word:

How does Philippians 2:1-2 sound like a restating of 1:27?

What lends a sense of urgency to these two passages?

After rereading Philippians 2:1-11, spend some time reading John 1:1-5 and list the attributes of the preincarnate Jesus.

Now read Luke 2:11-12 and Luke 23:26-46 and meditate on the significance of Philippians 2:5-7.

From Sam's sermon, commentaries, and Bible margin notes what do we know of this "Hymn or Creed"?

How do we see indications of Peter's *wrong mindset* in Matthew 16:23?

How does Romans 7:15-25 give an indication that Paul was aware of the struggle for a "correct mindset"?

How does Galatians 1:10 seem to indicate Paul's correct mindset?

As Sam mentioned, Paul's love for this church was evident but what appears to be the "primary flaw" as mentioned in 4:1-4 and the possible effects from this dissention?

Into Life:

What are some of the indications that, "dissention leads to more dissention, not unity" seems to be a page right out of the playbook of our culture?

What is the evidence that many are "ok" Jesus as long as He is just a "good teacher" or a "prophet" or a "good man" but have a hard time with "the foolishness of the cross…" (I Corinthians 1:18-23)?

Respond to Sam's statement, "the world/demonic forces continually seek to drive us towards pride. The way of the Kingdom seeks to flip everything on its head".

How does John 17:14-21 provide the impetus for us to do some "world flipping"?

How would your life look different if, in addition to your regular devotion and prayer time, you meditated on and put into practice Philippians 2:1-11?

There is one unifier-it's a cross.
More importantly it's the Man on the cross.