



# Harbor Trinity Groups

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** Light of the World: Joy

**Scripture:** Philippians 2:1-15

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1. What brings you the most joy?
2. Is there anything distinct about the Christmas season that brings you joy?
3. Are there ever moments where you received something thinking it would bring you joy but instead it was only happiness?
4. Let's consider the leading phrases of Philippians 2 in verse 1. Have you received encouragement in Christ? Have you received comfort from his love? Have you participated with the Spirit? Have you any affection? Any sympathy? What would be the response to them?
5. What is Paul's encouraged response in Philippians 2:1? How does this differ from the response you shared?
6. Philippians 2:5-11 is known as "The Christ Hymn." What do we learn about Jesus based upon these verses?
7. Knowing this, how does this help us understand Paul's instruction in Philippians 2:3-4? Does this change how you consider your daily actions and attitudes? What about your response during the Christmas season?
8. What aspect or attribute of Jesus mentioned in Philippians 2:5-11 sticks out to you most? Is this unique to our reading of these verses today?
9. Philippians 2:15 encourages us to "shine like stars." While there may be many opinions about how we could do so, how does Paul state that we will? Let's read Philippians 2:14-15.
10. The opportunities for us to shine as "the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14) increase during the Christmas season. How, and with whom, is God asking you to shine?
11. As we prepare for our Christmas Eve services (4pm & 5:30pm), who are you inviting to attend with us?