

# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

## The Art of Serving

*A Serving Heart – Philippians 2:1-11*

## Discussion Points

May 9, 2021

### Read/Reflect

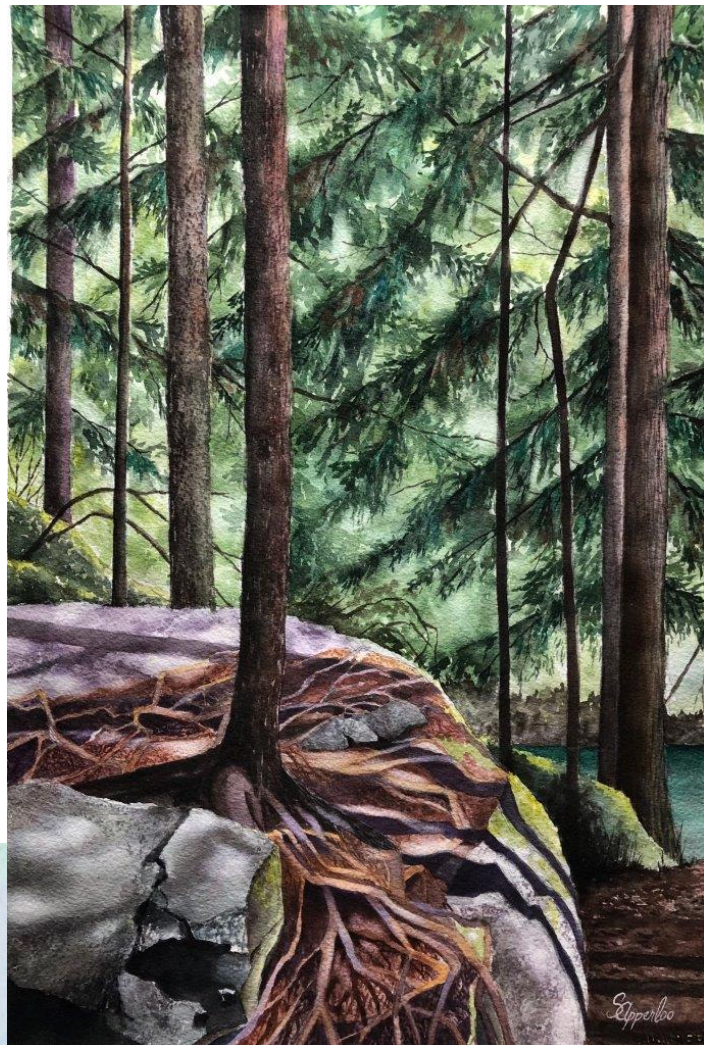
1. Read Philippians 2:1-5. What's Paul's main point in this passage? What additional thoughts in these five verses does he include to support that main point?
2. Read Philippians 2:6-11. People think these verses may have been an early Christian hymn. What part of it stands out for you, startles you, or most impresses you?

### Explore

3. Honest assessment: How would you characterize "serving" as a part of your life (apart from what you think it ought to be)?
  - It's the theme of my life
  - It shows up in episodes
  - It's a balance with other concerns
  - It interrupts my life
  - It's in my heart, not in my action
  - It's not evident in my life
4. From Philippians 2:1-11, how would Paul talk about the Christian "self?" What are the highlights and pitfalls of such a view? How does that compare to a more "worldly" view of self?
5. What's the difference between serving as a heart issue as opposed to serving as an additional activity in your life?
6. Reflect on Sue Apperloo's painting, *Rooted in Christ*. What do you like about the painting that reflects Philippians 2 and how does it challenge you to a serving heart?

### Pray

*Merciful God, give us the same attitude as Jesus, who emptied himself and was obedient to you all the way to his death on the cross. Make us eager to put others before ourselves, and their needs before our own.*



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