

Here are your sermon questions for Sunday 4th October! Feel free to keep them close during the service, then use them throughout the coming week for your personal quiet time or small group discussions.

Reading: **Luke 22:39-46 & Philippians 2:1-8**

1. Obedience isn't a popular concept in modern society, so take a short while to reflect on your experience of being obedient to someone in authority. When has this been hard, even harmful, and when has it been good and helpful? What made the difference?
2. Turn first to Philippians 2:1-8. Look at each verse in turn and describe what it meant to Jesus to be obedient to His heavenly Father and what the consequences were of His obedience. Why was Jesus willing to be obedient?
3. From Philippians 2, how would you describe Jesus' "mindset" (v5) in His relationship with His Father and what might it mean for us to have "the same mindset as Christ Jesus" in our relations within the church (verses 1-4) and in our discipleship generally?
4. Turn now to Luke 22:39-46. Take a few moments to recall the scene, maybe drawing on further detail in the other gospels (Matthew 26, Mark 14 and John 18). What strikes you most about Jesus' actions and words in Gethsemane? What did it mean for Him to say "not my will but yours be done"?
5. Can you think of other examples in the Bible of where obedience to God has had costly consequences? Share occasions when this has been true in your own discipleship? And pray about any situations group members are now in where being obedient to the Father has a cost attached to it.