

# The Greatness of the Cross: The Seven Wounds of Christ

## Piercing of the Right Hand | Philippians 2:5-11

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

### OVERVIEW

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Philippians 2:5-11 describes Jesus' profound humility as He willingly suffered, taking on human form and enduring the shame and agony of death on a cross in obedience to the Father. Yet, through His suffering, God exalted Him above all, declaring Him Lord over all creation.

### OHANA TIME!

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**Icebreaker:** "What was your favorite toy or game as a kid? Or If your pet (or a random animal) could talk, what's the first thing you think they would say to you?"

**Activity:** Observe Lent as a group by engaging in a spiritual discipline together (Scripture reading/memorization, prayer, fasting, etc.)

### PRAYER

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**Pray:** "Lord, thank You for humbling Yourself to suffer and die for us; help us to follow Your example of obedience and endurance in times of trial."

### BIBLE: READ PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

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1. What words or phrases in this passage emphasize Jesus' humility?
2. What does Paul mean when he says we should have the "same mindset as Christ Jesus" (v. 5)?
3. How does Paul describe Jesus' nature before He came to earth?
4. What does it mean that Jesus did not consider equality with God "something to be used to his own advantage" (v. 6)?
5. What do the phrases "made himself nothing" and "taking the very nature of a servant" (v. 7) tell us about Jesus' willingness to suffer?
6. Why does Paul highlight that Jesus was "obedient to death—even death on a cross" (v. 8)? What is significant about Jesus' crucifixion?
7. How does God respond to Jesus' humility, according to verses 9-11?
8. How is Jesus' humility different from how the world often defines greatness or power?
9. What does Jesus' willingness to suffer and die on a cross reveal about His love for us?

### APPLICATION

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1. What would it look like in your daily life to have the same attitude as Christ? In what situations do you struggle to practice humility? How can Jesus' example help you in those moments?
2. Jesus was "obedient to death" (v. 8). How does His obedience challenge the way we think about following God in our own lives? Are there areas where God is calling you to surrender or obey, but you've been hesitant? How can Jesus' example encourage you?

