

**Going Deeper With the Sermon**  
**January 14-15, 2012**

**Philippians 2:1-4** – If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

**Observation:**

- Alf reminded us that “If” in v1 really means “since” (ex: “Since there is encouragement in Christ...”). What blessings does Paul say we have through Christ in v1?
- Do you feel you have received or missed some of the blessings from this list?

**Interpretation:**

- Why do you think Paul used our shared blessings from Christ to start a conversation about resolving conflict?
- When you’re in conflict with someone, are these blessings at the front of your mind?

**Application:**

- Alf encouraged us to weigh others more heavily, to place others before us in line, and to play for the team instead of ourselves. Who will you weigh more heavily? Where will you play for the team instead of yourself?