Taking the Form of a Servant

[Philippians 2:1-11](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians%202%3A1-11&version=ESV)

Key Verse 7: “but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.”

**Look at verses 1-4.**

1. What is a common motivation for people in the world?(3a) What does Paul encourage the Philippians (and us) to do?(2-4) What should be our starting point for living in this new way?(1) What is a practical example of what it is like to experience one of the items listed in verse 1?

**V5-8.**

1. What did Jesus do?(7-8) How was Jesus the best example of someone who humbled themselves to become a servant?(6) How does knowing that Jesus humbled himself and took the form of a servant give us confidence that we can do the same?(5)

**V9-11.**

1. What will happen to us if we become servants? What happened to Jesus after he humbled himself, even to the point of death? What heavenly principle is being demonstrated? ([Matthew 23:12](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2023%3A12&version=ESV))
2. Application: What does it mean to you to take the form of a servant? What could be a practical example of how you can live this out in your life this week? What about more long term?

[Matthew 23:12](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2023%3A12&version=ESV)

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.