



PART 1: WHO IS IN CHARGE? Pastor Reggie Roberson

WARM UP QUESTION: Have you ever been a situation where you wondered who was in charge?

READ: *Philippians 2:1-12 (ESV)*

FOCUS: The first and most important spiritual fundamental is to decide who is in charge of our lives. A fundamental is defined as that which is an essential part of, a foundation or basis.

OBSERVE:

- **Philippians 2:9-11: Who is in Charge? Jesus Christ is Lord.**
 - The fact that Jesus is Lord is mentioned many times in the New Testament. Lordship is important.
 - Lord means one who has power or authority. Paul equated the Greek word Kurios, meaning Lord, with YHWH, the Hebrew for God.
- **Colossians 1:15-16: Why is He in charge?**
 - Colossians 1:15-16 He is the creator. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all Creation.
 - Titus 2:14 He is the Redeemer. He has redeemed us from our sins.

- Philippians 2:10 He is the Judge. He will return to judge us all.
- **Philippians 2:10-11: How do we respond to the One in charge?**
 - Romans 10:9 Acknowledge His Lordship by surrendering to Him and acknowledging that everything belongs to Him.
 - Philippians 2:3-4 Adjust our attitudes. Be thankful for all God has given us, don't dwell on negative things. Desire to obey God.
 - Philippians 2:12-13 Adjust our actions to please Him. Be humble and consider not only our own interests, but the interests of others.

REFLECT:

- Who or what is the current leader/director of your life?
- How do you give your time, talent, and treasure? Is it aligned with God's purpose?

TAKE ACTION:

- Consider your thoughts, talk and treatment of others.
- How can you adjust your actions and attitudes in those areas to be more in line with God's will for us?

PRAY:

Lord, help us to trust You. Help us to acknowledge any fears that would keep us from surrendering control to You and accept You as Lord of our lives. Help us to walk humbly in community and to live our lives under Your authority. In Jesus' name, Amen.

