



Group Guide

Called to Bow

August 24, 2025

Main Passage: Romans 14:7-12; Philipians 2:5-11; Revelation 7:9-10

Theological Theme

One day, every knee will bow before Jesus. Every person we meet will face that day, and God wants to use us to introduce others to Jesus before that moment arrives.

Introduction

- ❓ What do you associate with the practice of bowing to someone or something?
- ❓ What does it mean that every knee will bow at Jesus's name? Why is that important?

1. Every Knee Will Bow (Philipians 2:5-11)

Just before this passage, Paul urged his readers to “consider others as more important” than themselves (v. 3). He called for ultimate humility, not looking first to our own interests or operating out of selfish ambition. This attitude is precisely what Jesus modeled in His earthly ministry, and it's the heart behind verses 5-11.

- ❓ How is Jesus described throughout this passage?
- ❓ How does this passage sum up the reason that all people will bow before Jesus one day? Why is He worthy of this?
- ❓ Application: How can we better mirror Jesus's humility as we share the gospel?

2. All Will Give an Account (Romans 14:7-12)

As Christ followers, we don't belong to ourselves (1 Corinthians 6:19). We were bought with a price and, though we have free will, our lives are not our own. Our lives should be oriented around this truth: We belong to the Lord. This should affect the way we live daily—our conversations, how we interact with those around us, and how seriously we take the command of the Great Commission.

- ❓ How does this passage further emphasize the reality of Jesus's exaltation over all people?
- ❓ What implications did Paul give for the believer in these verses?
- ❓ Application: Paul said we will all one day give an account of our actions before the Lord. How does this truth influence your thoughts around sharing the gospel?

3. Every Nation, Tribe, People, and Language (Revelation 7:9-10)

In this passage in Revelation, John looked upon an innumerable multitude of people from “every nation, tribe, people, and language” (v. 9). This group, believers “coming out of the great tribulation” (Revelation 7:14), stood before the throne of Jesus, worshiping Him.

- ❓ Who is described in this passage and what are they doing?
- ❓ What stands out to you about this group? What are the implications for our lives now?
- ❓ Application: In our current series, we've been focused on sharing the gospel. How does this passage connect with our call to share the gospel?

Conclusion

- ❓ Why is humility important when we share the gospel? What is holding you back from humbly sharing the gospel with those who don't yet know Jesus?
- ❓ How can we pursue the goal of exalting Jesus as a group and not only as individuals?
- ❓ We've been talking about sharing the gospel for several weeks now. Have you had the chance to tell someone new about Jesus? How did it go? What can we pray for?