

TAKING THE PLUNGE INTO JOY! • PHILIPPIANS 2:1-8

I. FINDING TRUE JOY

A. COMING INTO AGREEMENT - verses 1-4

B. IF YOU WANT TO BE GREAT IN GOD'S KINGDOM, LEARN TO BE THE SERVANT OF ALL - verses 3-4

- Mark 9:33-35 (NIV) - *They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."*

II. TAKING THE PLUNGE - verses 5-8

A. THIS IS THE HEART OF EVERYTHING - verses 5-6

- Jesus didn't have to grasp equality with God – He was with God.

- John 1:1 (NKJV) - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

- *He was with God, He was God!*

B. JESUS MANIFESTED HIS GREATNESS BY TAKING STEPS DOWNWARD! - verses 7-8