SCC Small Group Study

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More Than We Expect  
Philippians 2:5-11

Getting Started:

1. What was your favorite present you have ever received?
2. When was a time you had expectations that weren’t fulfilled? How did that feel?

Searching the Scriptures:

1. Read through Philippians 2:5-11, what phrases or words jump out to you?
2. Why do you think that Jesus, who is fully God, humbles himself to become a human?
3. What do you think of the Romans 8 passage that Keith used in his sermon? What motivated Paul to write those words?   
   Romans 8:18:“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”
4. The last few words in this Romans 8 passage are quite interesting. Notice Paul says, “The glory that will be revealed ***in*** us,” and not “The glory that will be revealed ***to*** us.” What’s the difference in those two phrases.

Application of Scripture:

1. What emotions do you typically feel when you are stressed or frustrated?
2. Keith said that feelings of discontentment, frustration, sadness, and anger are ok. Do you agree with him? Why or why not?
3. In what ways are emotions indicators of what’s happening inside of us?
4. How can our emotions lead us away from God?
5. How can our emotions lead us towards God?
6. Do you feel your prayers to God are honest? Why or why not?
7. What’s one positive action you could take when you feel frustrated, angry, discontent or sad?
8. How does remembering Jesus help us with our discontentment?
9. In what ways does God give us more than we expect?