

The Greatest Gift Philippians 2:5-11

“Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.”

-Corrie Ten-Boom

I. The Humble Christ

II. The Exalted Christ

Application

Paul writes about the nature of Christ to remind his readers of Jesus' humility. How does the humility of Christ impact our relationships? How does pride hinder relationships? If you are comfortable, share with the group ways that they can be praying specifically for you and how you can demonstrate humility to those you interact with.

We recognize that it cost Christ everything to offer salvation for those who would come to him in faith. What are some ways that we can give of ourselves to others? What are practical ways that we can be spent for the good of the church? Our family? Our neighbors?

The work of Christ did not end when he rose from the grave and ascended to the right hand of the Father. Now, he lives as our great high priest. Does it ever feel like no one knows what it's like to struggle like you do? Do you ever feel alone in your sorrow, pain, or despair? How does knowing that Christ suffered as we have suffered impact our approach to him? What are some other gifts that God has given us to help us in times of struggle?

Jesus was highly exalted because of his obedience to the will of the Father. There is a time coming when every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that he alone is Lord. How does that position and authority of Christ impact the way that we live now? Are there areas in your life where you are struggling to submit to what Christ has called you to be or do? How can the group be praying specifically for your obedience? Are there stories that you can share about growth and victory in your life?

For Families

Talk to your kids about how they can show humility in their lives (siblings, classroom, sports team, etc.)