

Behold His Glorious Presence

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Passage: Philippians 2:5-11

Main Point: Jesus humbled himself and we should too.

Case Study:

You are in a conversation with someone who is criticizing God. He says, "If I were God, I would do things differently. I would get rid of death, suffering, and poverty. The God you Christians believe in gets a lot of things wrong that I would never have allowed, if I were God." How do you respond?

The Word:

1. Who does Philippians 2:6 say that Jesus is? What was His attitude toward this reality? (2:6)
2. What did Jesus become according to Philippians 2:7? What role did Jesus take upon? (2:7)
3. What does Philippians 2:8 reveal about Jesus' death? (2:8)

The World:

1. Philippians 2:5-11 emphasizes the humility of Jesus. In what ways does this defy our expectations for an all-powerful God? (2:5-11)
2. How do we earn praise in our culture? How did Jesus become exalted? What does this mean for us? (2:8-9)
3. One day every knee will bow to Jesus. Why don't people do that now? (2:10-11)

The Application:

1. What areas of your life have you not yet submitted to God? How can our family group help you to have faith to let go? (2:8)
2. In what ways can you better exalt the Name of Jesus? (2:9-10)
3. Philippians 2:6 says that Jesus did not exploit his identity as God. Read 1 Corinthians 9:4-7, 15. What rights might you have to forfeit to glorify God in your life? (2:6)

<u>What Questions do I have for my Family Group?</u>	<u>Key Cross References:</u>
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How to use this guide:

- **Study and discuss the passage**, not necessarily the outline of the sermon
- Don't feel pressure to ask all the questions, use your discernment based on time and needs of the group
- Engage the mind with good doctrine and move to the heart pushing toward application (A Key diagnostic for the leader to discern the health of his group is to listen "heart" conversation.