

Sermon Discussion Questions for December 16, 2018:

Scripture Passage: Philippians 2:5-11

Shine the Light of Christmas with Others

1. What key point stood out to you from this week's message?

 2. What does it mean to be a servant of others? Do we prefer to be served? What are your motives for serving others? Those in your family (children, spouse, parents)? Serving others completely unrelated to you in need? What should our attitude be when we serve others? Do we serve out of duty or love? Or both? What was Jesus' attitude in serving others?

 3. Humility does not really get enough attention in our culture. Yet here in our passage, Jesus left His glorious throne in heaven to enter our world. Have you ever given up position or status to meet the needs of another? Do we "enter into other people's worlds" to encourage them and help them in their needs? How do we overcome segregating ourselves in society by socioeconomic class, educational status, race, religion or other factors? Can Christians be arrogant about their beliefs? Does that help or hinder in witnessing for Christ?

 4. Patience is a virtue. Are you patient? Serving others and demonstrating humility can be difficult for us. Jesus genuinely suffered ridicule, pain and suffering. However, he was also rewarded for His attitude and action – see versus 9-11. Is it wrong to anticipate our reward (heaven, eternity with Jesus, no more pain, sickness, or suffering) for taking up our cross and following Jesus?

 5. Jesus gave up status and position to provide forgiveness of sin and eternal life. What will you give up to better relate to others and show them the hope found in Christ this Christmas?
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- Remember to pray for each other's unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
 - Love others as Christ loves you.
 - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
 - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.

