

“The Incarnation: Jesus as the Paragon of Humility”

Philippians 2:1-11 12/23/18

Big Idea- The spirit of Christmas that we should emulate is to be like Jesus who, in the greatest humility, left heaven to come and live among mankind as a servant and lover of others. (Jesus was also an example of suffering- 1 Pet 2:21 and servanthood- John 13:15)

LESSON 1- The PRINCIPLE for seeking unity through humility. Vv. 1-4

- A. The principle is founded upon the right REASONS V.1
- B. The principle is evidenced by the proper RESPONSE V. 2
- C. The principle is fulfilled through selfless RELATIONSHIPS Vv. 3-4

“Do you see a person who is wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for that person.” Proverbs 26:12

Going Deeper *God wants us to grow in selflessness and esteeming others!*
(Romans 12:3, 10, 16)

LESSON 2- The PATTERN for seeking unity through humility. Vv. 5-8

- A. The pattern of humility does not demand one’s RIGHTS
 - 1) Jesus’ inherent glory was veiled (John 17:5; Matt 17:1-9)
 - 2) Jesus’ independence submitted to the Father’s will (Luke 22:42)
 - 3) Jesus’ divine attributes submitted to the Father’s timing (John 2:4)
 - 4) Jesus’ eternal riches were exchanged for poverty (2 Cor 8:9)
 - 5) Jesus’ relationship with His Father was interrupted (Matt 27:46)
- B. The pattern of humility doesn’t care about REPUTATION
- C. The pattern of humility has no RESTRICTIONS

Going Deeper *God wants us to make our lifestyle imitating Jesus!*

LESSON 3- The PRODUCT for seeking unity through humility. Vv. 9-11

- A. The product (result) of Jesus’ humility was the highest EXALTATION (Isaiah 52:13; Ephesians 1:20; Psalm 110)

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luke 14:11

Going Deeper *God wants you persevere knowing that He will bring a resolution!*

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples