

Questions To Go Deeper

December 1, 2024

Scripture passage: Philippians 2:5-7

- 1) Why do you think Paul roots the concept of humility in Jesus' coming to earth as a man (aka the incarnation)?
 - a. Why should the idea of Jesus' humility seem radical to us?
 - b. Do you think Jesus' humility is typically highlighted as an aspect of the Christmas story? If so, in what ways? If not, why not?
- 2) Why is it important that Jesus *became* man and not just appeared on earth as God?
 - a. What parts of Scripture help us understand that Jesus was truly God and truly man?
 - b. In terms of having a generous attitude like Jesus, why do you think it is important to understand that Jesus was truly God before the incarnation and that He was truly man in the incarnation?
- 3) How would you explain the meaning and importance of Christmas if you only had these verses (2:5-7) to use?
- 4) How should it affect our attitude during the Christmas season to reflect on Jesus' humility.
 - a. What are some practical ways we can "have this mind among [ourselves] which is [ours] in Christ Jesus" (verse 5)?