

The Big Idea: *Easter gives us hope that overcomes any circumstance.*

1. Jesus’ incarnation is our greatest example of how to live. Vv. 5-8

2. Jesus’ exaltation reminds us of our reward in heaven. Vv. 9-11

Digging Deeper

A guide for personal and small group study for the week of March 24, 2023.



→ Was any part of the message unclear? Which aspect of the message do you think will be the most challenging to apply to your own life?

→ Do you agree with the “big idea” of this passage? Why or why not?

1. Have you known someone who won big gambling? If so, how did they respond to winning? Did they gamble more or less as a result?

2. Have you known someone who lost big at gambling? If so, did their losses cause them to decrease or increase gambling? What consequences did they suffer as a result of losing?

3. What might the popularity of gambling reveal about the need for hope that people have?

4. What are your top three hopes in life? Which, if any, have become reality?

5. Read Philippians 1:9-11 and 27. Describe Paul’s hope for the Philippian Christians.

6. What hope did Paul have for himself, as expressed in Philippians 1:20?

7. What kind of hopes do you think the typical unbeliever has in our culture?

→ Do you sense a difference in the hopes of a typical believer? If so, what are they?

8. In what ways is Christ's humility described in Phil. 2:5-11?

9. How do you think your closest relationships might change if you faithfully followed Jesus' example in Phil. 2:5-8 for a year?

10. What would it look like for someone to change from being a "grasper" to a "giver"?

11. What keeps many Christians from really following Jesus' example of servanthood as described in Phil. 2:5-8?

12. If you were asked to give a seminar on leadership as modeled by Jesus in Phil. 2:5-8, how would your seminar likely differ from a typical secular/worldly viewpoint?

13. Read Isaiah 53, and describe the leadership principles of Jesus as contained in this passage.

14. What does it mean that Jesus "emptied himself" in Phil. 2:7? How does Paul explain this in Phil. 2:7-8?

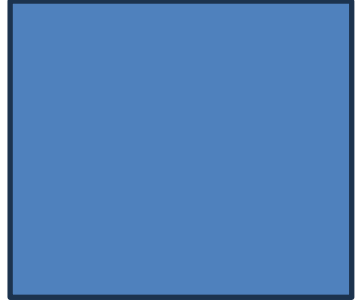
→ Why is understanding this concept vitally important to our doctrine about Jesus?

15. Read Matthew 17:1-8 and Luke 9:31-32. How might this event help us better understand the incarnation of Jesus?

16. Compare Isaiah 14:13-20 with Phil. 2:5-11. In the boxes below, make a simple line drawing, showing the different life paths of Satan and Jesus:



SATAN



JESUS

17. Read Hebrews 1:1-3. What parallels, if any, do you see between this and Philippians 2:5-11?

18. How might Isaiah 45:23 relate to Philippians 2:5-11?

19. What parallels, if any, do you see in Romans 15:1-7, and Phil. 2:5-11? How about James 4:10, and 1 Peter 5:6?

20. How can following Jesus' example in Phil. 2:5-8 help fulfill Jesus' prayer in John 17:21-22?

21. In the arenas of life listed below, jot a few ideas about what it would look like for a Christian to model Jesus' attitude in Phil. 2:5-8:

- The workplace:
- The home:
- The school:
- The neighborhood:
- The local church:

→ Which of these present the biggest challenge for you to model Jesus' attitude of humble servanthood?