

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM JANUARY 8/9 SERMON

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ICEBREAKER: Would you rather travel back in time to meet your ancestors or to the future to meet your descendants?

(Courtesy of Mike Hershey. This is a good one!)

1. **Read Philippians 2:1-4.** Write a definition of true biblical humility? What does it look like in practice? Describe a time when someone has demonstrated true biblical humility to you?
2. In *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis wrote, “Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere fleabites in comparison [to pride]: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind.”

Do you agree? Why is pride such an insidious infection for the believer? How can we address it in our lives?

3. **Read Philippians 2:5-8** Discuss some practical ways that believers can/should respond to the amazing humility and sacrifice of Jesus.
4. **Read Philippians 2:9-11.** Discuss how God exalted Jesus. Imagine and consider what that day will be like when every person confesses Jesus Christ is Lord. Commit to praying for those in your family or network of friends who don't know Jesus and ask for the opportunity to share the Gospel with them.

BIBLE REFERENCES

Philippians 2:1-11 ESV

Christ's Example of Humility

2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, **2** complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. **5** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,^[a] **6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,^[b] **7** but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,^[a] being born in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **9** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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