

SIMPLE christmas

A Simple Christmas begins with a Simple Attitude

Philippians 4:7

What does “made Himself of no reputation” mean?

He chose not to show what a big deal He is.

He chose not to be treated according to what a big deal He is.

Why did Jesus do this?

He made a big deal of us.

How do we respond?

Attitude: I don't have to be made a big deal of.

Action:

Getting Started: What is your response to the title “Simple Christmas:” a) Impossible b) memories of days gone by c) tense at the mere mention of Christmas d) what I plan to enjoy e) other? Why?

Digging In: Read Phil 2:1-11. How does this passage affirm that Jesus was fully God? What other insight do these verses (John 1:1-4, 8:58-59, 10:30-33, 14:7-11; Col 1:15-17, 2:9; Heb 1:1-3, 8) give to the deity of Jesus? How does this passage affirm the humanity of Jesus? How do these verses (Matt 4:2; Luke 2:40, 52; John 11:35, 19:28, 21:12-13, 20:27) speak to the humanity of Jesus? Make a list of all the references in this passage to the attitudes of Jesus and us. How does Paul describe Jesus' purpose in becoming man? What reward does the Father give Jesus? Why is Phil 2:1-5, important for followers of Jesus? Why is it necessary to have the attitude of Jesus described by Paul to enter into healthy relationships with others?

Living It Out: How has looking out for your own interests complicated your life? How has it created relational struggles? What is one action you can take to consider others more important than yourself this Advent Season?