

Ugh...Wasn't Expecting That: Jesus

Life Steps | December 15 & 16, 2018

Monday

Philippians 2:5-8 | John 1:14

Write out Philippians 2:5-8 in your journal. Recall, reflect upon and then journal an experience where you held a new born baby. What were you feeling? What does it mean to you personally that God became flesh and dwelt among us?

Tuesday

**Philippians 2:5-8 | Genesis 1:16
John 1:1; 8:58-59; 10:30-31,38-39**

What does it mean to you that Jesus is equal to God and was with God at the beginning of Creation? Why do you think the Jewish leaders were threatened by Jesus' claims to be equal to God? How does the equality of God and Jesus impact your relationship with Jesus? Explain.

Wednesday

Philippians 2:5-8

Spend today memorizing this passage. Pray for those you have and are inviting to Christmas Eve Worship.

Thursday

Philippians 2:5-8 | Luke 2:4-7 | Matthew 2:13-15

Jesus left heaven to be born in a filthy stable and shortly after live as a refugee. Jesus lost a lot of stature and privilege when he accepted this demotion. Think of a time when you lost a little stature and privilege. How did you feel? How did you respond? Why is humility a respected virtue?

Friday

Philippians 2:5-8 | John 13:1-16

How would your relationship with Jesus be different if he came as a demanding king instead of a humble servant? What are the characteristics of a servant? Why is it important that Christ followers serve others? What do you sense God saying to you?

Saturday

Philippians 2:5-8 | Matthew 27:27-31

Work on reciting Philippians 2:5-8 from memory. Review your message notes, reflecting on the demotions of Jesus from Heaven all the way to death for the forgiveness of our sins. Journal and pray, expressing your adoration for and gratitude to God for all He has done in your life through Jesus. Follow up with anyone you have invited to Christmas Eve worship, seeing if they have any questions or needs.

Sunday

Philippians 2:2-11

Pray for God to touch lives in the Family and Christmas Eve worship services. What prevents you from having the same "mindset" or "attitude" of Jesus? (Vs 5) What aspects of Jesus' attitude or mindset will you work on within yourself Christmas week? Pray so as to align your heart and mind with God.