

Cell Group Discipleship Passage from Sunday

Subject: The Way Up is Down – Part II

Scripture: **Phil. 2:6-11** - *6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 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. (NIV)*

Scripture Content - As we come to our text, Paul presents Christ as the believer's life pattern. Christ demonstrated humility by His willingness to serve, suffer and die in order to redeem us.

Objective: Goal: The goal of teaching this lesson is to understand that Christ was willing to give up the comfort of heaven and even die in order to redeem mankind. **Challenge:** The challenge is for us to give up some things in order to maintain unity and reach others for the cause of Christ. **Benefit:** If we humble ourselves by serving and giving ourselves for others, God will exalt us.

Message from the Passage to Rising Star

B. The Example of Jesus (Vs. 6-11).

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Was Jesus Christ God manifested in the flesh? Yes or No

If a Jehovah Witness or Mormon or some other cult came to your door could defend the deity of Christ? Yes or No

How did Jesus demonstrate humility?

2. His _____ and _____ (Vs. 9-11). *9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 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. (NIV)*

What is the name that is above every name?

Will confession of Christ at the Second Coming secure salvation for the rebellious? Yes or No

Who are those in heaven, on earth and under the earth?

Application

1. **Deity of Christ** – Do you feel you are better prepared to deal with a cult now? Yes or No
2. **Humiliation or Humility** – Christ was willing to be servant and our Savior. What are some ways we can serve others?
3. **Exaltation** – Like Christ, when we humble ourselves through sacrificial service, we will be exalted or rewarded. Can you give an example of how you did this and God blessed you?

We are growing **Warmer** through **Fellowship**, **Deeper** through **Discipleship**, **Stronger** through **Worship**, **Broader** through **Ministry**, **Larger** through **Evangelism**, **Healthier** and **Wealthier** through **Stewardship**. (Acts 2:41-47)

Memory Verse: Phil. 2:5 - *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.* (NKJV)