



Sermon Series: Upside Down Christmas  
Text: Philippians 2:3-11  
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## Upside Down Focus

**Big Idea: Jesus humbled himself to save us so that we might also humble ourselves to serve others.**

### Our Default Mindset: Living for Self (vs. 3-4)

1. We live to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ so that we look good. (vs.3)
2. We think we are \_\_\_\_\_ than others. (vs. 3)
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ on ourselves and not on others. (vs. 4)

### Christ's Mindset: He Humbled Himself to serve us (vs. 6-11)

1. Jesus gave up what was \_\_\_\_\_ his. (vs. 6)
2. Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_, not to be \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 7; Mark 10:45)
3. Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ us. (vs. 8; Mark 10:45)

### Christ's mindset is now meant to be ours. (vs. 5)

1. Jesus' mindset is a \_\_\_\_\_ to us.
2. Jesus' mindset is a \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

*"True gospel-humility means I stop connecting every experience, every conversation, with myself. In fact, I stop thinking about myself. The freedom of self-forgetfulness. The blessed rest that only self-forgetfulness brings." -Tim Keller*

### How can we seek to live with Christ's Mindset?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Which parts of the Christmas surprise and delight you?*

*In what areas of your life do you find the motivation to look good in front of others lurking below the surface?*

*What are some of the reasons it can be so hard for us to count other people more significant than ourselves and focus on their interests?*

*Take a moment and make a list of what Jesus gave up and sacrificed in coming as a man.*



*What are all the ways that God has (and continues to) serve us? Do you focus more on all the ways you are supposed to serve God then all the ways he has (and continues to) serve you?*

*What are some of the ways that humility creates an attractive community? Where have you seen people humbly serving others (in your family, in the church, and beyond)?*

- *Question for Parents: What are ways that we can encourage humility in our children? What are ways we can encourage our children to serve others?*

*What are some ways that the church can seek to serve not only those who are within her walls, but also those who are outside the church?*

*What role does faith play in helping us to live with humility and serve other people?*

*Read Philippians 2:3-4 again. What are some ways you can practically seek to obey these commands this coming week and this Christmas season?*

*Make your own list of what it means that God came as a man (reference the end of the sermon). Use your imagination and ask God to stir a sense of wonder that He came to this earth and lived as a man!*

*Further Resources*

- [God's Most Successful Setback – Desiring God](#)
- [Humble Yourself – Like God – Desiring God](#)