

Christmas at the Cove

Week Two: Humble Son



Whether it's the death of a loved one, an illness, conflict, or financial crisis, all of us have had moments of pain and difficulty. It's often in those moments that we struggle with hearing the voice of God in our lives. Especially at Christmas, there are many who experience or recall some sort of hurt in their life. Often it's easier to attempt to rid the pain with other things, instead of being humble and willing to spend time alone with God so He can speak to us and strengthen us. This week, we are going to take a look at the things we can learn from Jesus' own journey, and how He tapped into the true source of strength to humbly do what God had sent Him to accomplish.

Introspect

- How does having a quiet time with God (or a lack thereof), reflect whether or not you have humility?
- Is it difficult to follow God at times? Why or why not? Share with your group about a time when it might have been difficult.

Investigate

“...Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” Luke 22:42 (ESV)

Read Luke 22:39-46 and 2:6-12

- What can we learn from Jesus' example in the way He handled adversity and trials?
- How do we see Jesus' life—from beginning to end—as a life of humility? Discuss this with your group.



“Be sober-minded; be watchful.” 1 Peter 5:8. (ESV)

Read Philippians 2:1-8

- Why is it important to not pursue ambition selfishly, and in what instances is ambition good for us to have? What does it look like to pursue ambition in humility?
- Why are we able to embrace a servant role and bring so much meaning to serving others?

Incorporate

- What are some significant areas where you know you aren't displaying humility?
- Why is it important to continually “bow down” and spend some quiet time with God? How does tapping into the Holy Spirit help you recharge when you're feeling tired?
- What steps do you need to take in order for quiet time and humility to become a lifestyle? Is there something else you run toward when you're hit with tough times? Share with your group.
- Are you tired of doing good without getting any recognition? Why or why not? How can quiet time allow you to continue living out God's plan for your life?

Investment

The mission of The Cove Church is to:

Introduce our friends to Jesus,
Learn to follow Him and
Celebrate His presence in our lives.

Did you know this is the time of year when people are most likely to respond favorably to an invitation to church? Who will you introduce to Jesus this Christmas season by inviting them to a Christmas service at The Cove?

