

Sunday, March 1, 2020
Beginning Series: Jesus is . . .
1 . . . Jesus is God
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What Would Jesus Do?

Why does God allow evil to exist? How old is the earth? What is God's will for my life?

Who is Jesus... is the most important question. We must be right about Jesus.

Timothy Keller said: "The question you need to answer is, Who is Jesus? Because if Jesus is God, and he came to earth and rose again and ascended to heaven, that changes everything. That is such a critical question that every other question fades to the background. You can ask questions about God and evil and the Bible and science, but those are all secondary questions that aren't even important, relatively speaking, until you ask the primary question: Who is Jesus?"

DISCUSS: As you read Philippians 2:5-11 What does the passage say about WHO Jesus is? Why is it important that we understand EXACTLY who He is? What is said about Jesus that makes this issue critical above all other questions about him?

Our relationships count on understanding this . Ted asked us not to rush through what the Bible says, but to reflect on the words in this passage. : **5** In your relationships with one another, have the same *mindset* as Christ Jesus, The way we get along with each other is based on this *mindset*. How we are to relate to one another?

How can we as humans apply the principle of 'emptying ourselves' as Jesus did?
Can you give a practical example of 'emptying' yourself for someone else?

**Christ emptied himself for me. Christ emptied himself for you.
You empty yourself for me. I empty myself for you.**

Is this not the recipe for a beautiful, successful marriage, and the key to any good relationship?

5 Signs You Are Full of Yourself

1. You insist on being the center of attention.
2. You assert your agenda and achievements in every conversation.
3. You demand to be heard and understood.
4. You act out or shut down when others share their opinions.
5. You leave when you don't get your way.

DISCUS: Do you know people like this? How are you affected by their behavior?

You can't be filled by God when you're full of yourself. As we drive to church how can we be emptying ourselves of our own agenda, our own tastes, desires, and look to a worship experience that will touch our own heart first, so that we are prepared to be available to serve others?

DISCUSS; What do verses 9-11 say about our eternity?

Our eternity depends on whether we believe that Jesus is God.

John 17:3 John 8:24 Romans 8:1

Because Jesus is God, because He died for us, we can talk about anything; abortion, divorce, alcoholism, etc. Because "there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."