

Upside Down Christmas Questions

1. The theme of this weekend was surrender. What is something in your past that you have surrendered? It doesn't have to be something spiritual, or even something that you surrendered to God (although it could.) Just in general, when, where, what did you surrender? Why did you surrender? How did it make you feel?
2. Philippians 2 (specifically v5-8) are sometimes called the Kenosis passage. Kenosis is the Greek word for "emptying." Pastor Dan focused on three different descriptions of Jesus. He emptied Himself of His entitlements. He took the form of a servant. He humbled Himself, even to death on a cross. Which one of those descriptions of Jesus impacts you the most? Why?
3. Evangelicals are quick to affirm the deity of Christ (and rightly so, this is important) but often we under-emphasize His humanity. The doctrine of the incarnation tells us that Jesus was fully human. Why is this important?
4. If Christmas is to be a day of surrender (a white flag Christmas) we need to "let the I die." Read Galatians 2:20 and Philippians 2:1-4 and Matthew 16:24-26. Put the meaning of these verses in your own words. Using these verses, how would you explain the phrase "let the I die?"
5. Why do you think it is so difficult for us to "let the I die?"
6. What are some practical steps that will help us "let the I die?"
7. What might God be asking you to surrender?