

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for December 20, 2020:
Christmas: It's All Good - Be the News



**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS
Community or family**

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

- When asked if you want the good news or the bad news first, which do you choose?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky 16 as you hold firmly to the word of life.

Philippians 2:1-7, 15-16

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.

- Does anything about Jesus or his teaching strike you as less than good news? If so, what? Why?

- When have you gotten so invested in being right that you injured or burned a relationship?

- How connected do you feel with Christ? Where do you find renewal for your faith?

- How valued is humility in our culture? What does Paul say about the importance of humility?

- How is humility at the heart of the Christmas story?

- How can you live out the Good News of Christmas in this season?

- **SERVE** *others*

Serve those closest to you by putting these habits into practice: 1) Apologize immediately. 2) Forgive quickly, 3) Defer habitually

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**