

Poured Out!

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ABOUT THIS STUDY

Every Advent Season we celebrate the first arrival of Christ while we anticipate His second coming. Philippians 2:1-11 captures these moments and the implication they have on our lives.

Jesus pours out his life for us. He fills us up. He does this abundantly, that we in response might overflow by pouring our lives out for others. This is to the glory of God, our joy, their joy, that we all might know the great love of our Savior and bend our knee to Him with great gladness at His return.

Might the joy of knowing Christ and reflecting on the way He has filled us up by pouring Himself out lead us to do the same?

You will have to stop, and soak in His grace. You will have to look deeply into the life and love of Christ. You will have to know how much He has poured out on you. Otherwise, pouring ourselves out will become a burden heavier than Santa's toy sack.

If we do stop and look into Christ, saturate in His scriptures, soak in His love, see our Savior's mighty

provision, we will enjoy the deepest gladness and rejoice in pouring ourselves out for others (*Philippians 2:17*).

Every week, after we consider the person and work of Jesus, we will ask ourselves:

- 💧 What *act of love* could we do for someone in our lives this week?
- 💧 What *word of hope* could we share with someone in our lives this week?
- 💧 What *gift of grace* could we give financially to someone and/or to the church this week?

Jesus has poured Himself out abundantly on us, that we might pour out our lives out for one another. Let's not miss our greatest joy this Christmas.

Follow the below schedule to study the passages on your own, and discuss what God is showing you together with your group. More Bible study resources can be found at thewellsilverspring.org/resources.



PERSONAL DAILY STUDY

Following the below process, prayerfully read the scheduled passage of scripture. Spend the entire week on the given section, slowly reading and rereading it in order to deeply, and accurately, interact with God. Consider the above supplemental questions per each given week. You can also check out our other simple guides online for additional Bible study resources at thewellsilverspring.org/resources.

What Does It Say?

First, we ask: *“What does this say?”*

Read the passage a few times and carefully observe the words; give full attention to what it says. The purpose is to saturate in the content of the passage.

Look for things such as: important words (what’s being talked about), conjunctions (how is one idea connected to another), admonitions (something being commanded), contrasts, comparisons, illustrations, repeated phrases/ words, mood, and grammatical construction (verb tenses, prepositional phrases, etc.).

Linger here, listening to what God is saying in the detail of His words. Write down questions that the passage raises for you, things you don’t understand, ideas you’d like to pursue further.

What Does It Mean?

We now ask ourselves: *“What does it mean?”*

Use the observations you just gathered, the context of the section, and other passages of scripture to get at the meaning of what you have read.

Consider using [a commentary](#), the [GROW](#) or [SOAP](#) Bible study tools, the [ESV Study Bible](#) notes, or other resources to help.

Next, summarize the main truth you heard from God in His word.

Consider writing out the synthesized truth in your own words. Outline, diagram, draw, or flowchart the line of thought or main idea of the passage. What jumped out

So What?

Now we must ask: *“So what?”*

After meeting God in His word, we cannot ignore, or walk away unchanged. Why does the truth you heard matter to you today?

Is there something new to believe, cling to, or a sin to confess?

Is there something for you to do (or not do) in response to what you have read?

Is there someone with whom to share this truth (believer or nonbeliever)?

Do not forget to apply the gospel for your forgiveness, and as the reason compelling your obedience:

Christ is enough!

He has forgiven you for _____
and He is the reason why we _____.



READ

Philippians 2:1-11; *focus on v. 1-4*

QUESTIONS

Read Philippians 2:1-11 three times. What sticks out to you about this section?

What are the things listed that we have in Christ as members of His church (v. 1-4)?

How does this section (v. 1-4) connect to the following section (v. 5-11)?

Paul concludes that he will pour himself out for others, and their faith (2:17). How does the person and work of Christ, as talked about in v. 5-11, lead to this conclusion?

What are the words/descriptions associated with “pouring” ourselves out for others? Why is this counterintuitive, and also true?

SO WHAT?

Spend time reflecting on v. 1-4. Which of these things do you have? List how each of them is true in your life, because of God’s grace, because of Christ, because of the relationships you have in the church and with others. Get tangible and specific. How has He filled you up?

What strikes you about who Jesus is and what He has done for you? How has He specifically saved you: from what, to what?

POUR YOURSELF OUT

What act of love could you do for someone in your life, this week? ***Do it!***

What word of hope could you share with someone in your life this week? ***Share it!***

What gift of grace could you give financially to someone in need and/or to the church before the end of the year? ***Give it!***



READ

Philippians 2:1-11; *focus on v. 5-7*

QUESTIONS

What does Paul mean that Jesus was in the form of God but “*didn’t consider equality with God something to be grasped?*” Read John 10:30 and Colossians 1:15-20. We know this can’t mean Jesus is less than God... so what is Paul getting at?

When Paul says, Jesus “*emptied Himself,*” what does that mean? Pay close attention to the context definition.

Read Luke 2:1-21. What specific details of Luke 2, as summarized in Philippians 2:5-7, are highlighted in the way that Jesus arrived, how He came as a servant, and came in the likeness of man?

SO WHAT?

What about Jesus’s humanity draws you to Him?

What about Jesus’s servanthood draws you to Him?

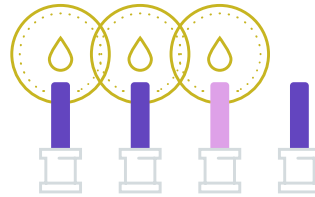
Consider stories in the gospels and from your life: how has He poured Himself out to connect with you, and meet your needs?

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Philippians 2:1-11; *focus on v. 8*

QUESTIONS

How would you describe, in your own words, the sacrifice that Jesus made to forgive you and make you His own?

What are the different ways in which the sacrifice Jesus made an act of humility?

Read Matthew 1:18-25. What details of this narrative highlight the reason for which Christ was coming, as summarized in Philippians 2:8?

Read Matthew 16:13-23. How does this passage connect Christ (the chosen one who has come) and Jesus's death? Why is this so shocking to Peter, and how does this highlight the humility of Christ?

SO WHAT?

In what ways do we lose sight of Jesus's death as we celebrate Jesus's arrival during Christmas?

What is keeping you, right now this Christmas, from focusing on the deeper meaning and ultimate purpose of Christmas? How can you change this?

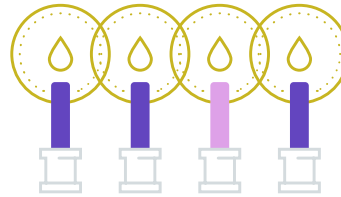
Spend time meditating on these verses: read them, think about them, focus on Christ and the reason He came, then pray and talk with Him about it. Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-11; Matthew 1:21-25; Mark 10:45; John 10:10-11; Romans 5:8; 1 Peter 1:18-19.

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Philippians 2:1-11; *focus on v. 9-11*

QUESTIONS

What does Paul highlight in contrast to the way that Christ came (*Advent I*), and the way that He will return (*Advent II*)?

In what ways are Advent I and Advent II connected?

What actions will take place at Advent II as listed in v. 9-11? What is the reason or purpose for these actions?

Read Revelation 5; 19:11-16; 21:1-8; and 22:6-21. What details stick out to you?

SO WHAT?

In what ways do we lose sight of Jesus's return as we celebrate Jesus's arrival at Christmas, and anticipate His second arrival at the end of time?

What is keeping you, right now this Christmas, from focusing on the deeper meaning and ultimate purpose of Christmas? How can you change this?

Are you ready for Christ's return? Why or why not?

Who in your life is not ready for Christ's return? How can you be a source of love, hope, and messenger in their lives this Christmas?

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TOGETHER WITH YOUR 3D GROUP

Use the following format to discuss the passage together in your 3D group. You'll find the specific supplementary questions for the scripture passages

in the above schedule. You can also find the full details for 3D discussion in our [3D Meeting Guide](#). Here is a summary:

Bible

First, discuss the Bible passage from the week:

- 1 What does the passage say? What jumps out to you? What key ideas, commands, promises, words, ideas, etc, struck you this week?
- 2 How would you summarize the main truth from the section? How might this inform your thinking and shape the way we are to live?
- 3 Where is the gospel connected to this truth? What does this highlight about who we are, or about who God is?

Life

Share about how this truth impacts your life today:

For you today, why does this specifically matter?

Is there something God calling you to obey in response to His word?

Is there something you need to do or not do? Something to believe, promise to cling to, or a sin to confess?

Is there someone to share this truth with?

Prayer

Pray throughout your time together.

Offer praises to God when something encouraging is shared; ask for help from God as challenges are shared.

Close in prayer.

Spend time to respond to God's truth in the scriptures and from your conversation.

Praise Him.

Confess sin to Him.

Thank Him.

Ask Him for His power and provision.