

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions

Study Aids for the Sermon from December 9, 2001

"The Christmas Story from Paul's Perspective"

Observing the text

What does Paul mean when he says Jesus "emptied Himself?"

What specific things were involved when Jesus emptied Himself?

What was not involved when Jesus "emptied Himself?"

How does Jesus emptying Himself fit in with what follows in Philippians 2:7?

Applying the sermon

Are you experiencing tension with a particular person? What are those tensions?

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What rights, real or imagined, do you believe you have failed to release?

If you release those rights and empty yourself, how do you see those relationships changing?

In light of your above answers write down one specific prayer request.