

## *Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions*

**Study Aid for the Sermon from January 6, 2008**

**“The Christmas Story From Paul’s Perspective”**

### **Observing the text**

Read Philippians 2:5-11

Should the word "emptied" be understood literally or metaphorically? Read Romans 4:14; 1 Corinthians 1:17, 9:15; 2 Corinthians 9:3 and look at the words "empty" and "void." These words come from the same Greek word translated "emptied" in Philippians 2:6.

How would it impact our view of the incarnation if we interpret the word "emptied" literally?

How would it impact our view of the incarnation if we interpret the word "emptied" metaphorically?

### **Applying the sermon**

How difficult has it been for you this past week to empty yourself so that you might be available to serve others?

How have those around you within your family and circle of friends been able to see your selflessness when it came to the way you treated them this past week?

Is there some area of your life that you are aware of today that you need to put off in order to serve others better?

Take a moment to pray for God’s grace to give you the ability to empty yourself for the service of others.