

**OPEN THE CONVERSATION**Take some time to build relationships with the students:

* Ask for each student’s high and low from the week.
* Today’s RBQ (Relationship Building Question): What is a story, memory, or joke you tell so often that your friends or family could probably say it for you.
* **Watch this video and share anything that stood out to your group.**

(Optional to add global worker video here)

**INTRODUCTION**

Bowing has been used as a symbol of respect, reverence, and acknowledgment. People would bow to those who are considered to be in a higher social status than themselves, like a citizen bowing to royalty. Or it might also be used as a symbol of deep regret and humility during an apology. Philippians 2:10 says that every knee will bow at the name of Jesus. He is the one who deserves our greatest respect. Jesus is the one who is worthy of all praise. We have rebelled and sinned against God but despite this He still sent His son to die for our sins. If anyone is deserving of our humble bow of reverence and repentance it is Christ Jesus. He alone is worthy of all honor and glory and blessings.

We’ve talked a lot about missions and sharing your faith with others these past few weeks. But have you put it into practice? When you go about your daily life do you remember that we should be living in a way that brings glory to God? Humbly remembering that every knee will bow before the Lord can be a crucial part in your walk of spreading the gospel. It might be easy to recall these details on a Sunday morning but feel impossible to do throughout the week. But we should spend our days remembering that ourselves and every person around us will one day stand before His judgment seat and give an account for our lives. And we should live our days with a sense of urgency to spread the gospel and disciple others.

**Does remembering that we will all stand before the judgment seat one day bring a sense of urgency when sharing the gospel?**

**Do we like to think about the time when we will all bow before the throne? Why or why not?**

***Read Romans 14:7-12***

1. What does this passage mean when it says we belong to the Lord? (v. 8)
2. 1 Corinthians 6:20 says that we were bought with a price. How might this perspective change the way you interact with others?

***Read Philippians 2:5-11***

1. Verse five says to adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus. How is Jesus described? What can this same attitude look like in our lives?
2. What is the contrast we see between verses 6-8 and 9-11? What does that say about humility?

***Read Revelation 7:9-10***

1. Who is worshiping in this passage? How are they worshiping and what are they saying?
2. Why was it important to say that the multitude included every nation, tribe, people, and language?
3. How does this challenge your perspective on missions and evangelism?

**WRAP UP**
Romans 14:8 says that “If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.” Take a moment to think about what it might look like for you to purposefully strive to live for the Lord.

**How can you help yourself remember to live for the Lord this week?**

Encourage students to write a verse (i.e. Romans 14:8, Philippians 2:10) or phrase from this lesson somewhere they will bring with them every day. Some ideas are to write on their hand, put a sticky note on their water bottle, a paper inside a clear phone case, or to set it as a new lock screen.

**Prayer**

**Have each student pray over a specific person in their lives.**

Encourage the students to spend time in prayer over one person in their lives who doesn’t know Jesus. Encourage them to ask God to give them boldness to witness to this person. Have them ask God to plant a seed in this individual’s heart and that they will come to know Him.

**EXTENDED CUT**

1. **What does this passage mean when it says we belong to the Lord? (v. 8)**

Not only did God create us, but he also bought us with the blood of his son. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 says that we are not our own but that we were bought with a price. Despite our rebellion against God, He still loved us enough to send Jesus to die in our place. Our sinfulness makes us deserve death but instead of leaving us with the consequences we deserve, Jesus’ blood paid our debt. God bought us with the price of his son’s blood, and we should live in gratitude and obedience to Him.

1. **Verse five says to adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus. How is Jesus described? What can this same attitude look like in our lives?**

The attitude that Jesus is being describe with is humility. He humbled himself by coming down to earth and humbled himself even further by dying for our mistakes. There are many ways that this could look practically in our lives. Hopefully, it will look like surrender to God. It can be hard to give up control of your life to God but it’s what we are called to do. We should give all our fears and worries in prayer to God and ask Him to direct your life. God’s exact plan will look different for each of our lives, but they should all include sharing our faith with others as well as obeying God’s commands and exemplifying the fruits of the spirit.

1. **What is the contrast we see between verses 6-8 and 9-11? What does that tell us about humility?**

The first part of the passage describes humility. Jesus is fully God and fully man and verse 6 says that although he is equal with God, he did not exploit this aspect. In fact, he even emptied himself when he took on the likeness of humanity and became like a servant. Verse 8 goes on to say that he took this even farther and humbled himself to the point of death on a cross. Jesus wasn’t forced to die, after he came down to earth he could have disobeyed God by running away or calling on angles to save him but instead he humbled himself to fulfill the Scriptures (Mattew 26:53-54).

Sometimes we forget the magnitude of the humility it must have taken for someone who is fully God to become as low as man. Jesus not only did this, but he humbled himself inn obedience by accepting a death that he did not deserve at the hands of the people he came down to earth to save.

In contrast to the humility in the beginning of the passage, verses 9-11 show great power and authority. Because of his obedience God highly exalted Jesus. Every tongue will one day confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and every single knee in heaven and on earth and under the earth will bow before the name of Jesus (v. 10). He was given the name above every other name and deserves all the praise we could ever bring.

Remembering how worthy and powerful Jesus is makes the extent to which he humbled himself that much more inspiring. We are called to live a humble life by obeying the God’s commands. Like Jesus submitting to God’s will, we are called to do the same. It should be out of humility and realizing that we are sinners just like the person next to us that we spread the gospel. If we view ourselves as holier than the next person, we will one day be humbled, but those who humble themselves now will be exalted (Matthew 23:12).

1. **Why was it important to say that the multitude included every nation, tribe, people, and language?**

Everyone is called to worship and bring glory to God. No one can ever say that the Gospel is not for a specific person, race, or gender. Every knee will bow to Jesus one day, it doesn’t matter who you are or where you come from. Even after Jesus ascended into heaven, it was difficult for many believers to accept that salvation is not specifically for the Jews. Despite many prejudices being held, Jesus commanded us to make disciples of all nations in the Great Commission. We are not the ones that save people, but we are called to be the instruments that God uses to help bring people to Him through His power. Because it is not by our own power, strength, or grace that people are given salvation, it is not in our control to judge who should and should not hear the gospel. We are all unworthy of His grace but Jesus commanded that we make disciples of all nations so that is what we should do.