

Deep Dive into Ken's Message from 4-11-25

“Ancient Faith: The Incarnation Part 2”

Bible Study Questions

1. In Philippians 2:5-8, Paul describes Christ's incarnation. How does this passage reveal both the divine nature of Christ and the depth of His sacrifice?
2. Ken emphasizes that the incarnation is not just a doctrine to believe but a model to follow. How does 1 John 2:6 reinforce this teaching?
3. According to Mark 10:29-31, what promises does Jesus make to those who sacrifice for Him and the Gospel? How do these promises encourage incarnational living?
4. How does Jesus's teaching in Matthew 20:25-28 about being a servant connect with the incarnation model Ken describes?
5. Ken states that the world encourages us to pursue our own happiness and comfort. How does Romans 12:1-2 challenge this worldly perspective?
6. The sermon draws parallels between a mother's sacrificial love and incarnational living. How does 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 illustrate this kind of nurturing, self-giving love?
7. In John 1:14, we read that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." What implications does this have for how Christians should engage with their communities?
8. Ken mentions that Jesus "humbled himself in obedience." According to Hebrews 5:7-9, what was the result of Christ's obedience, and what does this teach us?
9. How does 2 Corinthians 8:9 further illustrate the incarnational principle of becoming poor so others might become rich?
10. The sermon teaches that God rewards those who empty themselves for others. How does Luke 14:11 and James 4:10 reinforce this spiritual principle?
11. In 1 Peter 5:5-6, what connection is made between humility and God's grace? How might this relate to incarnational living?
12. Ken challenges us to "think of others as better than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3-4). How does Galatians 6:2-5 help us understand the balance between carrying others' burdens while also taking responsibility for our own?

Discussion Questions

1. Ken describes the incarnation as God "condescending to become one of us." How does this perspective of God's humility challenge your view of what strength and power truly mean?
2. In what specific ways might "living incarnationally" look different from the world's message to "be you" and "fulfill your dreams"?
3. The sermon contrasts worldly values with incarnational living. Which worldly value mentioned in the sermon do you find most challenging to counter in your own life?
4. Ken draws a parallel between mothers' sacrificial love and Christ's incarnational example. Share an example of someone in your life who has modeled this kind of selfless love for you.
5. What areas of your life do you find most difficult to "empty yourself" for the sake of others? What prevents you from living more incarnationally in these areas?
6. How might our small group collectively practice more incarnational living in our community? What specific needs could we address by "emptying ourselves"?

7. The sermon emphasizes that God will reward those who live incarnationally. How does this promise influence your willingness to sacrifice for others?
8. Ken states that we are "commanded to live like Jesus." What is one practical step you could take this week to more closely follow Jesus' example of humility and service?
9. How has your understanding of the incarnation (God becoming human) evolved after hearing this sermon? Has it shifted from being just a theological concept to a life model?
10. What fears or hesitations do you have about fully embracing an incarnational lifestyle? What might you lose, and what might you gain?
11. Ken mentions that we should have "ambition for those around us rather than for ourselves." How might this perspective change your current goals or priorities?
12. The sermon suggests that living incarnationally means giving up things "we want and desire and dream of so that others can have what they want and desire and dream of." Share a time when you experienced joy through this kind of sacrifice.