

DESCENDING INTO GREATNESS

“The Flatliners”

1. Review last week’s prayer requests and update each other
2. Review the Big Idea: What did you hear this morning?

TO FULLY EXPERIENCE GOD’S POWER AT WORK IN MY LIFE, I NEED TO...

1. **EMBRACE HIS SACRIFICE FOR MYSELF**

“For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet now God in his gracious kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins. For God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to satisfy God's anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed his blood, sacrificing his life for us.”

Romans 3:23-25a [NLT]

2. **EMULATE HIS SACRIFICE FOR OTHERS**

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same attitude of mind Christ Jesus had: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human being, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!”

Philippians 2:3-8 [TNIV]

- ***As you listened to all the things that Jesus went through to offer us forgiveness and new life, what impact did that have on you?***
- ***Does that (the things Jesus suffered) affect the way you live your life? Should it? How?***
- ***When you think about everything Jesus sacrificed for us, why is it so hard to make sacrifices for others?***
- ***What sacrifices might God be calling you to make to help others experience the forgiveness and life change that God is offering?***

WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE ON THE CROSS TO BRING GOD'S KINGDOM TO EARTH?

BECAUSE IN GOD'S KINGDOM, LIFE COMES TO OTHERS WHEN PEOPLE DIE TO THEMSELVES.