



THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

**Eph. 4:4-10 (p. 977)**

### **The Ups & Downs of the Gospel**

#### **He a s c e n d e d to the highest place**

A church is a united d i v e r s i t y because of Christ's gifts to each one.

Christ's gifts to each one is proof of his v i c t o r y over his enemies.

#### **He d e s c e n d e d to this lowly planet**

This was p r e l i m i n a r y & n e c e s s a r y to his triumphant glory.

Christ won the victory because of his h u m i l i t y & m e r c y.

**Jesus Christ is our living h o p e.**

## **Sermon Study Guide**

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions, but try to discuss/study some in each category.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. What evidences of grace have you seen since we last met?
2. How does the sermon title "The Ups and Downs of the Gospel" relate to the passage? What part relates to Christmas? How?
3. What did Jesus's ascension mean and how are the spiritual gifts in a church a proof of this? How does the statement "The way up is down" relate to Christ and Christians?
4. What stuck out to you from the sermon Sunday?
5. What themes do you find helpful or interesting?
6. What sin did the Holy Spirit convict you of in this sermon?
7. How were you encouraged by this passage?
8. How does this passage connect to or inform our understanding of the gospel?