Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions and thoughts are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week. We encourage you to talk these over with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

There were several verses cited in this Sunday's sermon (Ephesians 1:3-4, John 17:1-5, Philippians 2:6-7, Philippians 2:8, Matthew 9:36-37, John 3:16-17). Note: It would very helpful to read the verses surrounding these verses to help pick up the context and nature of what the writer is saying.

What are some words you would use to describe the journey Jesus took as He was "descending to glory"?

What were some of the obstacles He faced as He moved toward completing His mission?

What are some of the obstacles you are facing as you journey toward becoming the person you think God wants you to be?

What are some of the things that have assisted you in dealing with those obstacles?

As you do an honest inventory, how would you describe your journey over the past year? Have you progressed? What are some of the areas that you need to make progress in?

This sermon was entitled "The Long Descent to Glory". What was the glory that awaited Jesus as He completed this descent? Does that title fit you as you go on your journey? What "glory" awaits us as we move toward becoming more like Christ?