

ANIMA FILM TWO: KENOSIS

1. The video ends with a question: “What draws you most to Jesus?” How would you answer that?

2. In your estimation, why has “Merry Christmas” become so controversial?

- *Jesus claims are controversial: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me” [John 14:6].*
- *His call to conversion is controversial: “whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” [Matthew 16:25].*
- *His effect on people is controversial: “Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division” [Luke 12:51].*
- *And, Jesus warned his disciples that this would be the case: “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you” [John 15:18].*
- *Wishing someone a “Merry Christmas” is to suggest our joy is found in the Christ child. Tragically, many have not discovered that joy. Ironically, the preferred “Happy Holiday” is derived from old English “Happy Holy Day” which begs the question: Why is Christmas a Holy Day?)*

3. The title of this video is Kenosis, a Greek word meaning “emptying.” The word can be found in Philippians 2:5–8. Read the passage and discuss why you think the video is called Kenosis.

Let the same mind be in you that was[a] in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

*but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,*

he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

4. In this season of Advent, we buy gifts for others and anticipate receiving gifts from others. However, Jesus example of kenosis calls us to something even greater—making a gift of ourselves to others. What might this look like for you with the people who are presently in your life?