

WE Believe

We Believe in God the Son Philippians 2:5-11 Message-based Small Group Lesson

Overview

One of our core beliefs at VCC is our belief in God the Son. As we continue our current series “We Believe,” this week’s message looks at the hymn Paul gives us in Philippians 2:5-11. This passage describes in extraordinary language the mystery of the deity and human incarnation of Christ Jesus.

Engaging with each other

1. What is your pet peeve in your home?
2. Who is likely to be the first to take on the “grimy” chores in your home?

Engaging with the Bible

1. Read Philippians 2:5-8
2. Describe what you think Christ gave up when he “made himself nothing.”
3. What does it mean for Jesus to have become “obedient to death?”
4. What is significant about the truth that God the Son died on the cross? What does it reveal about God?

5. Read verses 2:9-11
6. Reflect on this passage for a moment. What are your thoughts or feelings as you consider this remarkable statement about Jesus?
7. What does the title “Lord” mean? Why is this important?

Engaging with our lives

1. For each of the following, describe the implications for you:
 - Who Jesus is—Christ, God the Son
 - What He has done—died on the cross
 - What He is doing—reigning as Lord
2. Whose interests can I put ahead of my own this week?
3. Paul tells us that our attitude should be the same as Christ Jesus. What is a way (or ways) you can be an imitator of Christ this week?

Optional closing: Worship the Lord by singing a familiar song or hymn that expresses the heart of the passage you have just discussed, e.g., *Have Thine Own Way Lord, Take My Life and Let It Be*.