



# LARGE GROUP LESSON

## READ PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

### MAIN POINT

Paul sums up beautifully who Jesus is and why we should love him.

Jesus is God's Son. He lived in Heaven and sat on the throne. Because he loved us so much, he gave up all of that to come to Earth. Jesus became a man, and he lived among us for thirty-three years. He showed us how to live and how we can love others. Jesus also laid down his life for us so he could forgive our sins and give us eternal life.

Growing in our faith begins with getting to know Jesus. He wants to be our Savior, but he also wants to be our role model. Jesus set a very tall example for us to follow, and if we choose to follow that example, we can make the world a better place.

God wants us to love him and love others. He wants us to show the world that Jesus loves them. There's no better way to do that than to learn to live like Jesus.

### DRIVE IT HOME

The more you get to know Jesus, the more you realize what a tall task it is to live for him. Jesus never sinned. He never put himself first. He always thought of others, and he always took the opportunity to lend a hand to others. Even the most mature Christian has trouble living up to a standard like that!

The good news is God doesn't expect perfection. He only wants us to do our best. We can give God our best by getting to know his son. When we spend time reading about Jesus, we learn about the things he did. We see how he lived, and we see what God expects of us.

Through Bible study and prayer, we can get to know Jesus personally. The Bible says we can pray in Jesus' name, and he will hear us. We can ask for God's help to resist temptation, and we can ask for his direction on how to live our lives.

Knowing Jesus can give us strength to stand up for what's right and resist what is evil. Knowing Jesus can also give us peace in hard times. He gives us strength when we are faint. He gives us the wisdom to know right from wrong, and the courage to do the right thing.

The more time we bask in God's son, the more we will know him and live like him. So let's do that this summer. Spend time alone with Jesus every day. Read the gospels so you can learn more about him, then pray for his help to live the way he did. Jesus left his throne in Heaven for you. He's waiting to have that personal connection with you.

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## **CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER**

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for giving us Jesus. Teach us to be like him so we can share his love with others.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*