

Why Jesus
LifeGroup Lesson
April 23, 2017
Philippians 2:5-11

OPENING PRAYER:

Merciful Savior, our longing to seek you is no match for your desire to be found, a desire that runs so deep and so wide that Christ left your side to take on human flesh that we might better know you. Encourage our timid hearts, Lord. Stir in us the passion to love you above all others. Grant us courage to follow your way which is the only way that leads to life. Amen.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree/disagree with the LifeTalk this week?
- How would you answer the question: Why Jesus?
- What comes to mind when you think of humility?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Philippians 2:5-11,

- What part jumps out at you in this chapter?
- This passage describes the "emptying" of Jesus where he gave up some of his divine privileges. What strikes you about the humility shown by Jesus in this passage?
- In what ways did Jesus take on the form of a servant? How does this contrast with leaders and authorities of today?
- What does it mean for Jesus to be exalted as Lord? What does it look like for Jesus to be Lord in our lives?
- Jesus has all authority in Heaven and Earth. How do we live into that reality today?

CLOSING POSSIBILITIES:

- How will your life be different based upon what you have learned in this week's scripture, lesson and/or LifeTalk?
- How can the group pray for you this week?
- Consider checking out the TED talk "Start with Why."
- What is one thing that you can do this week to acknowledge Jesus as Lord of your life?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

You are Christ, the only Son of God.
You are holy, perfect and beautiful.
You are worthy; all glory and honor belong to you.
You are gracious, full of love and forgiveness.
You are everything, all that I need.
You are Jesus, the Savior of the world.