

## **“What Do We Believe? – Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord”**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

**Central Thought:** *Jesus is God’s Son and our Lord.  
Through Him, we enter into God’s family and bow to a new  
Master.*

**“I believe...”** – Biblical believing is **incarnational** –  
requiring evidence.

**What do we believe? – What does it say?**

- 1) “Jesus Christ, His only Son”
  - God is a **Son**. John 3:16
    - A **unique Son** – “one and only”
    - A **foundation** of the Church.  
Matthew 16:16; John 20:31
    - The way into **sonship** – God’s family.  
John 1:12; 1 John 3:1; Romans 8:29
  - The Son is **God**. 2:6; John 1:1-2
    - **Eternal** life is in Him. 1 John 5:11-12;  
John 3:16; John 17:3
- 2) “Jesus Christ...our Lord”
  - This Son is **Lord**. 2:11; 1 Corinthians 12:3
    - The Father’s eternal **purpose**.  
Acts 2:36
    - The strength and **hope** of salvation.  
Colossians 2:15
  - This Son is **our** Lord. Romans 10:9
    - The first **doctrinal** statement of the  
Church was “Christos Kurios”, meaning  
“Christ the Lord”. 1 Corinthians 12:3
    - Personal **attachment** to the Lord is  
what saves us. 1 John 5:11-12

**Do I believe this? – What does it mean?**

- 1) This Son makes us God’s **children**.
  - Do I believe I am a son / daughter of God?
    - Where does this **show** up in my life?
  - Do I **act** like a son or daughter of God?
    - Does my life **reflect** my Father’s  
character, values?
  - *Am I* a child of God?
- 2) This Son causes us to **bow** to a new Master.
  - I can’t have a **Savior** without a Lord.
  - We are not our **own**. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
  - Who is in **charge** of my life?

**Word bank:** *act, attachment, bow, charge,  
children, doctrinal, eternal, foundation, God,  
hope, incarnational, Lord, our, own, purpose,  
reflect, Saviour, show, Son, sonship, unique*

**For reflection and Life Group facilitation:**

- 1) What evidence is there in your life that you belong to the Father?
- 2) Why do we add so many requirements to proving that we are Christians (activities we must avoid, Christian things we must do, values we must hold, etc.)?
- 3) “*Only One Who is Lord can save you.*” Explain.
- 4) What does it mean to the Father that Jesus is your Lord? What does it mean to you?
- 5) Is Jesus’ Lordship a burden or a joy to you?