

FOLLOW

Equality Message 1

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► Outline

Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.
Philippians 2:6 (NLT)

A. Introduction

(Philippians 2:5-11. C/R: Matthew 16:15)

B. The incarnation of Christ reveals the...

1. _____ of God.

(Philippians 2:6. C/R: John 1:1; 5:18; Hebrews 13:8)

2. _____ of God.

(Philippians 2:6b. C/R: Mark 10:45; Luke 19:10; John 10:10; Ephesians 2:1; 1 John 3:8)

3. _____ of God.

(Romans 5:8,10-12. C/R: 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 2:2)

Brookwood Basic Beliefs:

Q: Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

A: So that His obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective.

Answers: 1. Person 2. Plan 3. Promise

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to study the Bible and pursue a deeper relationship with God. Check out other Bible study tools at biblegateway.com, biblestudytools.com or blueletterbible.org.

Conversation Starter

What's the first word that comes to mind when you hear the name *Jesus*?

Opening in Prayer

*Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet
and a light for my path.*

[Psalm 119:105 \(NLT\)](#)

Spend a few quiet minutes asking God to guide your time in His Word.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Philippians 2:1-2](#).

1. What does Paul mean by *any encouragement from belonging to Christ*?
2. Describe a time you experienced *comfort from Jesus' love*.
3. What does it look like to have *fellowship together in the Spirit*?
4. What are specific examples of what it looks like for a church to live out [vs. 2](#)? What would people be doing?
5. What do the following passages teach about Jesus?
 - a) [Philippians 2:5-7](#)
 - b) [John 1:17-18](#)
 - c) [Colossians 1:15-17; 2:9-10](#)
 - d) [2 Peter 1:1](#)
 - e) [1 John 5:20](#)

Read [Matthew 16:13-19](#).

6. Why did Jesus quiz His disciples about His identity?
7. What promises did Jesus give Peter about the church ([vs. 18-19](#))? How was Peter's declaration linked to the promises?
8. How can you be sure Jesus is who He claimed to be?
9. Why does salvation depend on Jesus being God?
10. What are some other reasons it matters that Jesus is God?
11. What are your biggest questions about Jesus?
12. Who is Jesus to you?

Soul Training

Find a quiet place and slowly read through [Philippians 2:1-4](#) several times. Ask God to reveal what He wants you to know. Write down any words or thoughts that come to mind and talk with God throughout the week about what He's revealing to you.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: [John 1:1-13](#)

Day 4: [John 5:31-39](#)

Day 2: [John 1:14-18](#)

Day 5: [Hebrews 1:1-13](#)

Day 3: [John 5:16-30](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 31, we'll continue our series titled **FOLLOW**, studying **Jesus as Man** and the incredible truth that God took on flesh. He became like us so we would become like Him. To prepare, read [Philippians 2:5-8](#); [2 Corinthians 5:18-21](#); [Hebrews 2:14-18](#).



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