

STUDY 3. CHRIST THE LORD. STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever bought some equipment that you have had to put together yourself? What did you find the most helpful? Reading the directions? Using the diagram on the box? Finding someone who is better at reading directions than you? Getting someone who has done it before to help?
2. **Read Philippians 2:5-11**
 - a. In last week's reading Paul told us to look out for each other, to put other people first, and to be of "one mind." Be honest! Do you find that easy to do?
 - b. Last week we said that Christ was to be an example of relationships (verse 5). Can you see in this week's passage a verse where Christ:
 - i. Did not mind being "demoted?"
 - ii. Was "demoted" to the lowest level?
 - iii. Where the "demotion" caused pain?
 - c. Have you ever gone through a process where you have been "demoted?" What happened? What was it like?
3. **See Mark 3:1-6, 20-22, 6:1-6**
 - a. What do you think the human reaction of Christ may have been to these situations?
 - b. How do you cope with rejection? What is the most powerful rejection that you have experienced? How did you cope?
4. Paul is asking us to follow the example of Christ. What has he asked us to do so far?
5. **React to the following statement:** "Hang on. This passage is asking me to become a door mat. If I took this seriously people would walk all over me and I would be used for their purposes. This is not good advice."
 - a. Have you ever become a door mat and been "used"? Does resentment burn you up in circumstances like that? Does that sometimes happen within your family?
 - b. Do you think this is what Paul is suggesting?
6. **Read Philippians 2:9-11**
 - a. What is your favorite part of this magnificent passage?
 - b. After describing the demotion of Jesus, why do you think Paul gives us such powerful teaching about Jesus?
7. What is the significance of the title "LORD" for Jesus? Why was it treasured by the early Church?
8. The sermon mentioned that the term, "At the name of Jesus," could be translated, "In the name of Jesus". What difference do you think that makes?
9. **See verse 5.** "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus."
 - a. What does this mean to you?
 - b. Is Paul simply saying that Jesus is a good example of how we are meant to be humble and think of others, or do you think he has something more in mind?
 - c. Do you ever stop and think about whether your behaviour has been Christlike?
10. **Reconsider the whole passage (2:1-11).**

In what ways does this passage inspire you to:

 - a. Pray for yourself?
 - b. Thank God for others?
 - c. Praise God?