



Title: Becoming Like Jesus

Main Scripture: Philippians 2:1-2

Are we learning from Jesus?

- **Encouragement (v 1)**
(Is 41:10; 1 Cor 14:1, 31; Heb 10:24-25)

- **Love**

Are we in fellowship with the Holy Spirit? (v 1)

(Act 15:28)

Are we sowing seeds of unity? (v 2)

(Ps 133:1-3; 2 Cor 13:11-12, 14; 1 Cor 3:3)

HEARTLAND'S CORE VALUES

RESTORING OUR WORLD

We will pursue truth, justice and compassion for all people, integrating faith and action, sharing the hope we have in Jesus whenever and wherever we can.

SERVING OTHERS

We will meet the needs of those in our church and community, giving sacrificially of our time and resources while collaborating with other like-minded partners.

BECOMING † LIKE JESUS

We will follow Jesus, pursuing a life of wholeness in body, mind and spirit, and helping others to do the same.

CONNECTING IN COMMUNITY

We will know others and be known as we do life together, welcoming one another into meaningful relationships.

ENJOYING GOD'S PRESENCE

We will glorify God in all we do, as we draw near to Him individually and collectively, worshipping Him in spirit and truth.

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Small Group Sermon Study | Philippians 2:1-2

Opening Prayer: *Father, we thank You for all You have done for us. We pray in Jesus' name that You would work in our hearts and minds today. Holy Spirit, we invite You into this place today as we read and discuss. We pray You would protect our hearts and our minds as we enter into this conversation.*

Icebreaker: Share a time in your life where you have been encouraged by someone and have felt the impact of that particular encouragement.

Read the key passages of Scripture and review the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:

1. Reflect on your experience with encouragement in your journey as a follower of Jesus. How have you sensed His encouragement in your life, and what impact has it had on your ability to face challenges and live out your faith?
2. Share about a time when you tangibly experienced God's love in your life. How did it transform your perspective, actions, or relationships?
 - a. How does allowing God's love to flow through you impact your interactions with others?
3. What does fellowship with the Holy Spirit look like in your daily life? How do you involve the Holy Spirit in your decision-making and seek His counsel?
 - a. Share specific instances where you've felt led by the Spirit and the impact it had on your choices.
4. In what ways do you actively contribute to promoting unity within your church community? Share practical examples from your own experiences.
 - a. How can encouragement, experiencing God's love, and fellowship with the Holy Spirit play a role in fostering unity among believers?
5. Discuss why God places such a strong emphasis on unity in the Church, as mentioned in the passage. How does disunity hinder the Church's ability to represent God well?
 - a. What steps can your small group take to actively pursue and maintain unity in your local church community?

Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

1. What emotions does this passage or key theme bring up in your heart? How will you manage those emotions as you carry on through your week?
2. What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what Jesus is showing you?
3. What word, phrase, verse, or challenge do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you've heard?

Prayer: *God, again we thank you for today. We thank you for this space that we can come to and grow closer to you as we grow closer as a community. We want to thank you for the way that you led Joseph as Jesus was on the way. May we not forget his part in Your great plan for redemption. And we pray that as we go on from here, that we embrace the calling You have for us, the tough decisions and turn away from our selfish desires, in order that Your will be done. We thank you for everything You have done throughout the history of the world, what You are doing right now and what you will do in the years to come. Amen.*