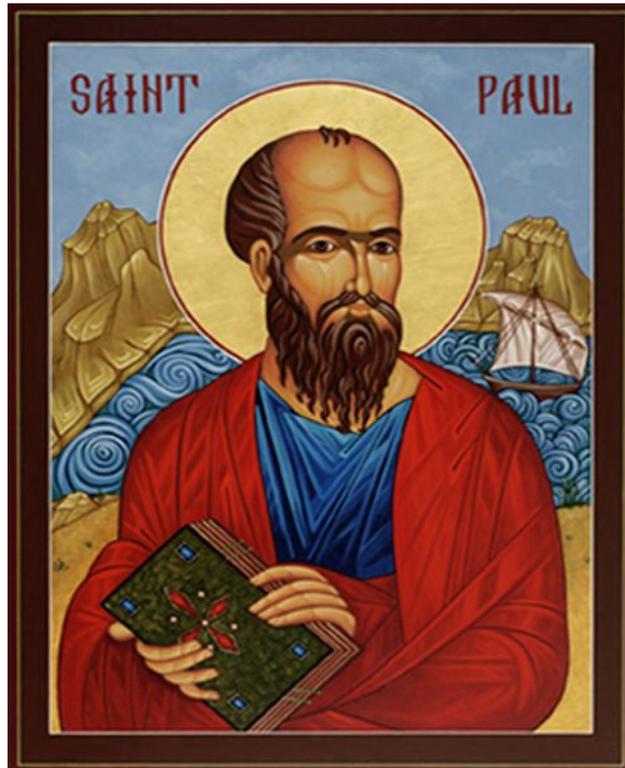


# Small Groups and Home Study

Week of May 13th, 2018



## Opening Prayer

A member of the group may open the time with prayer.

## Focus on the Scripture :

### Philippians 2:1-13

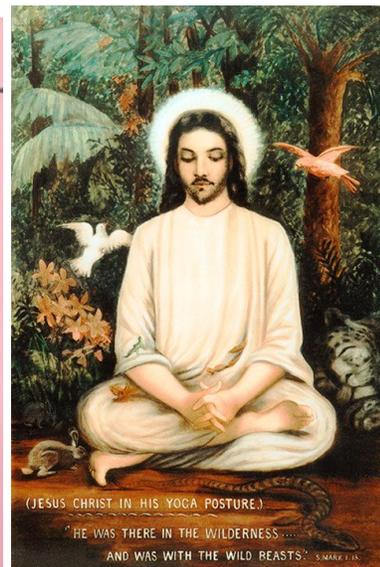
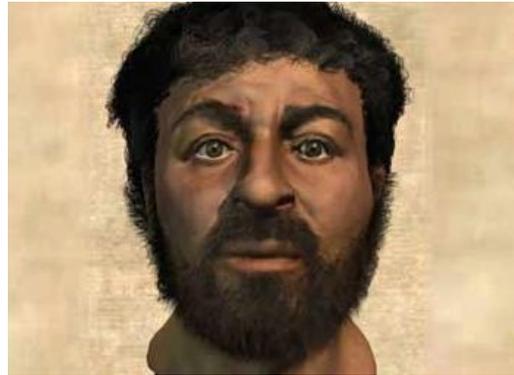
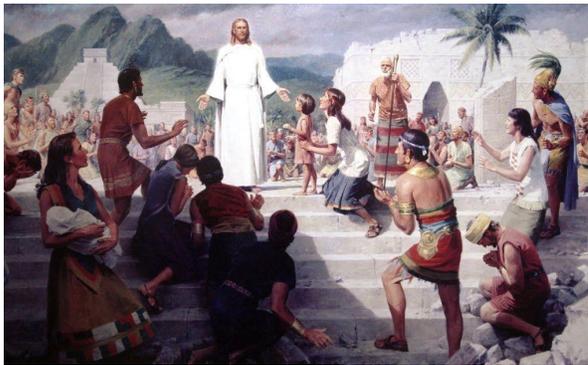
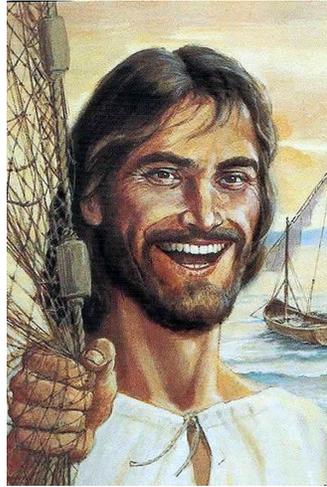
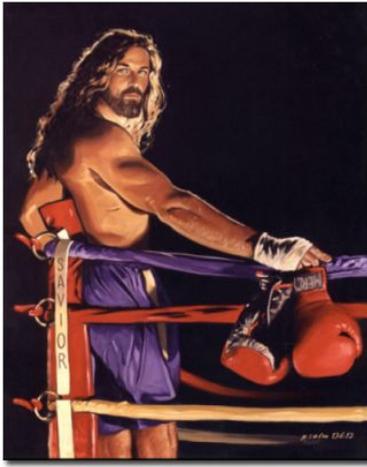
1. Read from more than one translation of the Bible.
2. Are there any notable differences between these translations?
3. If any, name the main people, locations, events, things that are mentioned in the reading.
4. Which stories or events come before or after this reading? Do you see a connection?



## Questions for Group Discussion

1. What is Paul's desire for the church in Philippi?
2. What does it look like to do something out of selfish ambition? Why doesn't Paul want the church to do this?
3. What does Paul say is the alternative to selfish ambition?
4. Paul says we are to have the mind of Christ. What does he mean?
5. Who is Jesus? How does Paul describe who Jesus is?
6. Why didn't Jesus come as an earthly king?
7. Jesus emptied himself. Why? How?
8. Verses 6-11 are considered as part of the "Christ hymn". We don't know if Paul wrote these words himself or if these were part of an early church hymn. Do you have a favorite hymn/song? Which words or phrases resonate the most with you?
9. Paul says in verse 12, "...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." What do you feel he means by this phrase?
10. "God is at work in you..." How do you feel about God being at work in you? What does Paul mean?

Faces of Jesus



**Top left to bottom right:** Stephen S. Sawyer's *Undeclared*; One of the many "Laughing Jesus images; Clifford Davis's *The Conformist*; John Scott's *Jesus Christ Visits the Americas*; Historical rendering of Jesus of Nazareth; Currier & Ives print, *El Senor, Andando Sobre el Mar*; Janet McKenzie used an African American model for *Jesus of the People*; *Christ the Yogi*