

# Witness: Learning to Share Your Christian Faith

## Lesson Plan

### Trail Two, Session 8 = Jesus as Messiah, King and God

#### (Plan for a short refreshment break at some point)

#### References:

Trail Guide for Leaders	Page 208
Trail Guide for Hikers	Page 59

#### 1. Prayer:

- a. Read the entire prayer section (page 59-60).
- b. Close by reading the Lord's prayer, slowly and with emphasis, to the group. Ask them to listen to the "petitions" of the prayer.

#### 2. Trail Talk:

- a. This week you focused on others needs and praying for them. Did you find it easy or difficult? What effect did this exercise in prayer have on you? What kind of answers did your prayers receive?

#### 3. Jesus Messiah:

- a. What does "Messiah" mean?
- b. Messiah is deeply rooted in Jewish history and religion. The Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) contains many references to the "expected Messiah". The OT closed out - - still looking forward to the "expected Messiah". This Messiah was to be of royal lineage and have great armies. The Messiah was the one would intervene into history "on our behalf." Jesus Christ literally means Jesus the Messiah (Jesus the anointed one). How does thinking of Jesus as "Messiah" make you feel?

#### 4. King Jesus:

- a. Both the Hebrew and Greek (New Testament) Bibles use the image of Jesus as King and teach us about the "Kingdom of God". How does that relate to your faith journey? Is "kingdom" something you can understand living in a "democracy"?
- b. When we pray "thy Kingdom come" - - what are we praying for?

#### 5. Jesus, God Incarnate:

- a. Jesus as God. Is that a difficult concept for you to understand? We sing that Jesus is worthy to be praised - - is Jesus God? Is God Jesus?

b. Read Philippians 2:5-11 at the bottom of page 62.

**6. Moving On:**

a. Review what we have covered this week.

b. Assignments for Next Week

(1). Reading Assignment:

(a) As you read the chapter for next week (pages 67-74), underline or highlight special thoughts and answer the questions in the Q boxes.

(b) Complete the daily Bible readings and place your reflections, questions and insights.

c. Action Assignment:

(1) Complete the Action Assignment on page 65.

**8. Closing Prayer**

**9. Closing Word:** "See you on the path!"