

II. JESUS

DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR SESSION 2



Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

Philippians 2 (NRSV)

1. What are the differences between the two “tectonic plates” Crossan describes as “grinding against one another”?
2. What does Crossan mean by “peace through distribution” instead of “peace through retribution”? (*Eclipsing Empire* reader, page 8)
3. What are the some of the religious titles claimed by Caesar Augustus?
4. Borg speaks of “two ways” promoted by Jesus. Explain.
5. Paul spoke of being transformed into the likeness of Christ. Explain.
6. How does the hymn in Philippians 2 show the continuity between Jesus and Paul?
7. Where do you see this information influencing your spirituality? The church? The world?