

## Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Source of Our Salvation

This prayer service is best used at the conclusion of Chapters 9 and 10 of *Jesus Christ: Source of Our Salvation*.

*Have individuals or small groups offer the eight "Voice" parts.*

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, you are the source of our Salvation. Your life and ministry summon us to discipleship. We hear your call. Hear us as we turn to you in prayer.

**Voice 1:** Lord, we hear you say: "Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it" (Mark 10:15). Hear us as we pray.

**All:** Make of us your receptive children that we may follow you.

**Voice 2:** Lord, we hear you say: "Whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:26-28). Hear us as we pray.

**All:** Make of us your servants that we may follow you.

**Voice 3:** Lord, we hear you say: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). Hear us as we pray.

**All:** Make of us your peacemakers that we may follow you.

**Voice 4:** Lord, we hear you say: "Love your enemies and do good to them . . . then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:35-36). Hear us as we pray.

**All:** Make of us merciful children of the Most High that we may follow you

**Voice 5:** Lord, we hear you say: "Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing" (John 15:4-5). Hear us as we pray.

**All:** Make of us sturdy branches on the one true vine that we may follow you.

**Voice 6:** Lord, we hear you say: "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me" (John 10:14). Hear us as we pray.

**All:** Make of us your sheep that we may know and follow you.

**Voice 7:** Lord, we hear you say: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. This I command you: love one another" (John 15:13-14, 17). Hear us as we pray.

**All:** Make of us your loving friends that we may follow you.

**Voice 8:** Lord, we hear you say: "Jesus approached [his disciples] and said to them, 'All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age'" (Matthew 28:18-20). Hear us as we pray.

**All:** Make of us your disciples that we may follow you.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, source of our salvation, we commit ourselves to prayer and discipleship. We know that you will support us as we follow in your footsteps today, tomorrow, until the end of the age.

**All:** Amen.