

Life Group 12 Week Content - 12 Things Every Disciple Must Know

Week 2 - LORDSHIP & OBEDIENCE

Daily I **WILL** follow Jesus by obeying His teachings.

- *Living according to God's will not mine.*
- *Acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord over our lives.*
- *Obedience brings rewards.*

Our modern-day culture has influenced us to falsely believe that words like "obey," "submit," and "surrender" are negative terms meant to strip you of any independence or free will. The idea of being free to choose how we live our own lives is enticing. The issue with living life on our terms however is that we are sin-natured and weak human beings on our own and at some point, we realize that we need help to live life wisely and not always give in to our own opinions and selfishness. We discover that living by our own terms and giving in to everything we feel or desire actually leads down a path of mistakes, suffering, and disappointment. We become bonded by things that harm us, instead of being free.

When we enter into a relationship with Jesus Christ, He not only becomes our Savior from sin, but He must also become Lord over our lives. Don't let the word "Lord" startle you. As you grow to learn that Jesus Christ is good and can be trusted even more than yourself, then it becomes easy to submit to Christ. You can surrender every area of your life to Him and let Him lead you by obeying His teachings. He always leads rightly. He wants to be involved in every decision of your life. Jesus is Master, Ruler, Lord, and King. A true disciple of Jesus Christ decides joyfully and confidently to let Him rule over their heart and lead every decision, big and small.

Choosing to obey Jesus' teachings leads to a rewarding, fulfilling, and purposeful life with no regrets.

Supporting Statements:

- Jesus is not an iron-fisted, judgmental, insensitive spiritual being.
- Jesus is a kind King who rules with justice and mercy.
- Professing faith in Jesus Christ while living according to my own standards is not what the Word of God teaches and will lead to destruction.
- Sometimes obeying God's Word is not easy or immediately satisfying, but it is always eternally rewarding.
- God is smarter than us. It would do us well to listen.

Read these passages:

John 14: 20-24, Luke 6:46-49

Answer the following questions in discussion form:

- What does this passage reveal about the nature of God?
- What does this passage reveal about Jesus?
- What does this passage reveal about me?

Weekly Challenge:

This week, we will purposefully allow Jesus to have a say in our daily choices by allowing Him to speak into our daily decisions. Start small. Practice picking out two shirts in the morning before getting dressed, and ask "Jesus, what shirt do You want me to wear?" Or, "What music do You want me to listen to today?" It might seem awkward at first, but you are practicing allowing Jesus to be Lord over your decisions. Have fun!