



STUDY GUIDE

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[start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:
More missionaries to go to Unreached People Groups

[set up]

Why is obedience hard?

Share a funny story or a story where you learned a lesson on the value of obedience (as a kid, as a parent, or maybe related to work or obeying the law).

[digging deeper]

Read Luke 6:46-49.

What immediately stands out to you from this passage and why?

What do we mean when we say, “Jesus is Lord”?

Would you say it’s more accurate to say that we *make* Jesus Lord or that we *acknowledge* Him as Lord?

Can a truly born-again person receive Jesus as Savior, but not as Lord (receive Jesus’ saving, but not his Lordship)?

Look up the following verses and share how they speak to the Lordship of Jesus:

John 14:21

John 20:28

Acts 2:36

Acts 10:36

1 Corinthians 12:3

2 Corinthians 4:5

2 Corinthians 5:15

Romans 10:9

Revelation 17:14

A person who is trying to live in surrender to Christ will desire to fulfill Christ’s will over their own. What is one area in your life where you feel the biggest “Lordship tug-of-war”?

What are our motivations to obey Jesus and how is it different from obeying any other authority in our lives?

(over)

Five minute brainstorm: On a large Post it (or have someone be a scribe on a notepad), draw a column down the middle and on the left side write “internal” and on the right side write “external” (or split into two groups and assign “internal” to one and “external” to the other then come back together to share and discuss). Under the “internal” section, write what will be true of someone internally if they are really trying to live in submission to Christ as Lord of their life. Under “external,” write what will be observable in the life of a person living in submission to Christ as Lord of their life.

After brainstorming, have each person look at the lists and select one internal and one external quality that they feel is present in their life. Then select one from each category that they feel is most challenging and still a growth area for them. Let your personal sharing time revolve around this topic (be bold and vulnerable). You can also share advice about how God has helped you grow in areas that you hear others are struggling in.

[living it out]

What is one big “take away” that God has put on your heart from this time?
Write it here:

What is one action step that you can take to apply/grow in that take-away area?
Write it here:

Close in prayer. Give each person a couple minutes to silently pray over what God has impressed on them in this area of Lordship, then spend time as a group praying around this topic. As you pray, think through/pray around the following:

- How can you thank God in this moment? (God I/we thank you that...)
- What needs to be confessed in this moment? (God I/we confess...)
- What needs to be asked of God in this moment? (God help me/us to...)