



SMALL GROUP GUIDE

TOOLS FOR CREATING A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW | ROMANS 12:2

LORD OVER ALL



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WEEK 1: CHRIST IS LORD

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus Is Lord Over All

Following Jesus means allowing His lordship to reshape every area of my life.

SERMON REWIND

This week begins our **Lord Over All** series by asking a simple but life-changing question:

What changes when Jesus becomes Lord of my life?

Many of us believe in Jesus as Savior, but we can still functionally live as lord of our own lives. We may trust Jesus for eternity while still trying to stay in control of our decisions, identity, future, relationships, money, time, and purpose.

But Jesus is not simply someone we believe in. He is Lord.

To say yes to Jesus is not only about "one day" in heaven. It is about every day of our lives, in every area of our lives. His lordship means He gets the final word about who we are, how we live, what we value, how we relate, and what we do with our lives. This series invites us to move from:

"Jesus is part of my life"

to

"Jesus is Lord over my life."

The invitation this week is to honestly ask: **Is Jesus Lord of my every day, or just my Savior for one day?**

KEY FRAMEWORK

Jesus Defines - What does Jesus say?

Jesus Directs - How does Jesus want me to live?

Jesus Sends - How does Jesus want me to represent Him?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 Savior and Lord

Jesus is not only someone we believe in for salvation. He is Lord over every part of life.

- a. When you hear the word "Lord," what comes to mind?
- b. Why do you think it can be easier to trust Jesus as Savior than to surrender to Him as Lord?

2 Part of My Life or Lord Over My Life

This series invites us to move from "Jesus is part of my life" to "Jesus is Lord over my life."

- a. What is the difference between making Jesus part of your life and surrendering your whole life to Him?
- b. What are some areas people often try to keep control of?

3 The Final Word

Jesus' lordship means He gets the final word about who we are, how we live, what we value, and what we do with our lives.

- a. Why can it be difficult to let Jesus have the final word?
- b. What might change if we asked, "What does Jesus say?" before making decisions?

4 Everyday Lordship

Saying yes to Jesus has implications not just for "one day," but for every day.

- a. What does it look like for Jesus to be Lord in ordinary, everyday life?
- b. Where do you most need Jesus' leadership right now?

Following Jesus means allowing His lordship to reshape every area of life.

- a. What area of your life feels easiest to surrender to Jesus?
- b. What area feels harder to surrender?

DIVE DEEPER

Reflection Questions: Lordship is not just a belief we agree with. It is a surrender we live out.

- Where have you been tempted to say, "Jesus can lead this part of my life, but not that part"?
- What would it look like this week to let Jesus have the final word in one specific area?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This week, practice surrendering to Jesus as Lord by:

- Praying, "Jesus, show me where I am still trying to be lord of my own life."
- Choosing one area where you need to ask, "What does Jesus say?"
- Taking one practical step of obedience in that area.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you move from simply believing in Jesus to surrendering every area of your life to His leadership.

CLOSING THOUGHT

What changes when Jesus becomes Lord of my life?

This week, invite Jesus to move from being part of your life to being Lord over your life.

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WEEK 2: JESUS IS LORD OF MY PURPOSE

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Purpose and Calling

If Jesus is Lord, I do not have to invent my own purpose. I receive my purpose from Him.

SERMON REWIND

This week continues our **Lord Over All** series by asking another important question:

Who gets to decide what my life is for?

In a world that tells us to create our own meaning, chase success, build our brand, and define our future, Jesus offers a different way. If Jesus is Lord, then our purpose is not something we have to manufacture on our own. It is something we receive from Him.

That does not mean our dreams, careers, gifts, passions, and opportunities do not matter. It means they belong under Jesus' leadership.

For many of us, purpose can feel like pressure. We ask, "Am I doing enough? Am I behind? Did I miss it? Is my career my calling?" But Jesus invites us to begin in a different place. Instead of asking, "What do I want my life to be about?" we begin by asking, **"Jesus, what do You say my life is for?"**

When Jesus is Lord of our purpose, our lives become bigger than success, comfort, achievement, or personal fulfillment. We are

invited to live for the Kingdom of God.

The invitation this week is to surrender the purpose of our lives to Jesus and trust that He knows what we were made for.

KEY QUESTION

Who gets to decide what my life is for?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 Why Am I Here?

Purpose is one of the biggest questions people carry.

- a. When you hear the word "purpose," what comes to mind?
- b. Why do you think so many people feel pressure to figure out what their life is supposed to be about?

2 Receiving Purpose

If Jesus is Lord, we do not have to invent our own purpose. We receive our purpose from Him.

- a. What is the difference between inventing your purpose and receiving your purpose from Jesus?
- b. How might receiving purpose from Jesus bring freedom instead of pressure?

3 Career and Calling

Our careers matter, but they are not the only way we live out our calling.

- a. How would you answer the question, "Is my career my calling?"
- b. How can someone live with purpose even if their current job or season does not feel like their "dream calling"?

4 Living for the Kingdom

Following Jesus means our lives are not just about personal success, but about the Kingdom of God.

- a. What does it mean to live for the Kingdom of God in our everyday lives?
- b. What are some things that can compete with God's Kingdom purpose for our lives?

Lord of My Purpose

If Jesus is our Lord, He gets to define what our lives are ultimately for.

- a. What area of your purpose, future, or calling feels easiest to trust Jesus with?
- b. What area feels hardest to surrender to Him?

DIVE DEEPER

Reflection Questions: Purpose is not something we carry apart from Jesus. It is something we discover as we surrender to His lordship.

- Where have you felt pressure to prove, achieve, or define your purpose apart from Jesus?
- What would change if you asked, "Jesus, what do You say my life is for?"

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This week, practice surrendering your purpose to Jesus by:

- Praying, "Jesus, You get to decide what my life is for."
- Asking Him to show you one place where you have been carrying unnecessary pressure.
- Choosing one practical way to live for His Kingdom in your current season.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you trust Jesus with your purpose, calling, career, and future

CLOSING THOUGHT

Who gets to decide what my life is for?

This week, invite Jesus to be Lord not only over what you do, but over why you do it.

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WEEK 3: JESUS IS LORD OF MY ALLEGIANCE

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Culture and Allegiance

Following Jesus means allowing Him to shape how we discern, engage, and respond to culture.

SERMON REWIND

This week continues our **Lord Over All** series by asking an important question:

Who has my ultimate allegiance?

Culture is powerful. It shapes what we value, what we celebrate, what we reject, what we normalize, and even what we assume is true. Sometimes culture can reflect beauty, creativity, justice, wisdom, and common grace. Other times, culture can pull us away from the way of Jesus.

Following Jesus does not mean that we blindly reject everything in culture but It also doesn't mean we blindly adopt everything culture says is good, right, or normal. If Jesus is Lord, then He becomes the authority by which we discern culture.

That means we learn to ask better questions. Not just, "What does my culture say?" or "What does my political side say?" or "What does everyone around me believe?" but rather "What does Jesus say about this?"

When Jesus is Lord of our allegiance, our identity in Him becomes greater than every other cultural, political, social, or

personal label we carry.

The invitation this week is to let Jesus have the final word over what we believe, what we value, and where our ultimate loyalty belongs.

KEY QUESTION

Who has my ultimate allegiance?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

The Power of Culture

Culture has a way of shaping us, often without us noticing.

- a. What are some ways culture shapes what people value or believe?
- b. Why do you think it can be hard to recognize the ways culture is influencing us?

2

Reject, Receive, or Redeem

Following Jesus does not mean we blindly reject culture or blindly adopt it. We learn to discern it under Jesus' lordship.

- a. What are some parts of culture that can reflect goodness, creativity, justice, or beauty?
- b. What are some parts of culture that may need to be rejected or challenged by followers of Jesus?

3

When Jesus Disagrees With My Culture

Sometimes Jesus will affirm parts of our culture, and sometimes He will confront them.

- a. Why can it be difficult when Jesus disagrees with something our culture celebrates?
- b. How can we respond with humility when Jesus challenges something we have assumed is normal?

4

Competing Allegiances

Our cultural or political identity can sometimes compete with our identity in Christ.

- a. What are some signs or warning lights that a cultural, political, or personal identity may be becoming too central in our lives?
- b. How can we keep our identity in Jesus above every other label we carry?

5

Jesus Gets the Final Word

If Jesus is Lord, He gets the final word over what we believe, value, and practice.

a. What would it look like to ask, "What does Jesus say?" before reacting to cultural issues?

b. Where

DIVE DEEPER

Reflection Questions: Culture is always forming us, but Jesus invites us to be formed by His Kingdom first.

- Where do you feel the strongest pull to let culture shape your beliefs, values, or reactions?
- Is there any place where your allegiance to Jesus is being challenged by another loyalty?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This week, practice surrendering your allegiance to Jesus by:

- Pausing before reacting to a cultural or political issue.
- Asking, "What does Jesus say?" before asking, "What do I think?"
- Identifying one area where Jesus may be inviting you to think, speak, or respond differently.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live with Jesus as your highest allegiance.

CLOSING THOUGHT

Who has my ultimate allegiance?

Let This week, invite Jesus to be Lord not only over what you believe, but over how you discern, respond, and represent Him in the world.

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WEEK 4: JESUS IS LORD OF MY FUTURE

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Future and God's Will

If Jesus is Lord, I do not have to control the future because I can trust the One who holds it.

SERMON REWIND

This week continues our **Lord Over All** series by asking an honest question:

Who gets to determine where my life is going?

Most of us like the idea of trusting Jesus until trust requires us to release control. We want God's will, but we also want details, timelines, guarantees, and maybe a five-year plan with bullet points and snacks.

But if Jesus is Lord, then He is not only Lord over where we have been. He is Lord over where we are going as well.

That means surrender is not giving up. Surrender is choosing to trust the One who sees what we cannot see, knows what we do not know, and loves us more deeply than we can understand.

Following Jesus does not mean we will always know what is next. It means we can trust Him even when we do not. His lordship reshapes how we make decisions, how we hold our plans, how we respond when life changes, and how we walk when God's plan looks different from ours.

The invitation this week is to stop carrying the future like it all depends on us and begin trusting Jesus as Lord over what comes next.

KEY QUESTION

Who gets to determine where my life is going?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 Wanting to Know What's Next

The future can bring excitement, but it can also bring pressure, fear, and uncertainty.

- a. When you think about the future, what emotions usually come up for you?
- b. Why do you think not knowing what is next can be so difficult?

2 Control and Trust

If Jesus is Lord, we do not have to control the future because we can trust the One who holds it.

- a. What is the difference between planning wisely and trying to control everything?
- b. Where do you find yourself trying to hold tightly to control?

3 Discerning God's Will

Following Jesus means learning to ask how He wants us to live and where He is leading.

- a. How do you usually make big decisions?
- b. What helps you discern God's will when you are unsure?

4 When God's Plan Isn't My Plan

Sometimes surrender becomes real when God's direction looks different from what we expected.

- a. Why can it be hard to trust Jesus when His plan does not match ours?
- b. Have you ever seen God work through a season that did not go the way you planned?

5

Lord of What Comes Next

Jesus' lordship invites us to place our future under His leadership.

- a. What part of your future feels easiest to trust Jesus with?
- b. What part of your future feels hardest to surrender to Jesus?

DIVE DEEPER

Reflection Questions: Surrendering the future does not mean we stop caring. It means we stop pretending we are the ones who hold everything together.

- Where have you been carrying the weight of the future like it all depends on you?
- What would it look like to trust Jesus with the next step, even if you do not know the whole plan?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This week, practice surrendering your future to Jesus by:

- Praying, "Jesus, You are Lord over what comes next."
- Naming one area of the future you have been trying to control.
- Taking one faithful next step instead of waiting for the whole plan to be clear.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you trust Jesus with your decisions, your plans, your timing, and your future.

CLOSING THOUGHT

Who gets to determine where my life is going?

This week, invite Jesus to be Lord not only over your present, but over your future.

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WEEK 5: JESUS IS LORD OF MY POSSESSIONS

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Money, Stuff, and Consumption

Jesus does not want to be Lord of what we have left over. He wants to reshape our relationship with everything we possess.

SERMON REWIND

This week continues our **Lord Over All** series by asking a direct question:

Who owns what I have?

Money and possessions are never just about money and possessions. They often reveal what we trust, what we fear, what we love, what we worship, and where we look for security.

Many of us are comfortable letting Jesus lead certain parts of our lives, but we can still struggle to surrender what we own, earn, spend, save, and consume. We may say Jesus is Lord, but still treat our resources like they fully belong to us.

If Jesus is Lord, then He does not only get what is left over. He gets to reshape our relationship with everything we possess. Our money, homes, clothes, cars, calendars, purchases, and generosity all come under His leadership.

This does not mean Jesus is trying to take joy from us. It means He wants to free us from being owned by what we own. He wants to

form us into people who live with trust, contentment, gratitude, and open hands.

The invitation this week is to ask Jesus to become Lord over what we have, what we want, what we consume, and what we give.

KEY QUESTION

Who owns what I have?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 Who Owns What I Have?

If Jesus is Lord, then everything we have belongs under His leadership.

- a. When you hear the question, "Who owns what I have?" what comes to mind?
- b. Why can it be hard to see our money and possessions as belonging to God?

2 What My Spending Reveals

Our spending can reveal what we value, what we trust, and what we turn to for comfort or security.

- a. What are some things our spending habits might reveal about our hearts?
- b. How can we invite Jesus to lead our spending without falling into shame or guilt?

3 Why Do I Consume?

Consumption can become a way we try to meet deeper needs for comfort, identity, control, or happiness.

- a. What are some reasons people consume more than they need?
- b. How can we tell when what we own is beginning to own us?

4 How Much Is Enough?

Jesus' lordship challenges the endless pull toward more.

- a. Why do you think it can be hard to feel content with enough?
- b. What helps you practice gratitude and contentment in a culture that constantly encourages more?

5

Generosity and Lordship

Generosity can reveal whether we are living with open hands or closed fists.

- a. What does generosity reveal about whether Jesus is Lord over what we have?
- b. What is one practical way Jesus may be inviting you to live more open-handed this week?

DIVE DEEPER

Reflection Questions: Possessions are not bad, but they become dangerous when they become ultimate. Jesus invites us to surrender not only what we give, but also what we keep.

- What does your spending say about what you may be tempted to worship?
- Where might Jesus be asking you to loosen your grip on something you own, want, or consume?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This week, practice surrendering your possessions to Jesus by:

- Praying, "Jesus, everything I have belongs under Your leadership."
- Looking honestly at one area of spending, saving, consuming, or giving.
- Choosing one practical step toward contentment, gratitude, generosity, or simplicity.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you trust Jesus with what you have and to form you into someone who lives with open hands.

CLOSING THOUGHT

Who owns what I have?

This week, invite Jesus to be Lord not only over what you believe, but over what you hold.

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WEEK 6: JESUS IS LORD OF MY TIME

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Time and Attention

We do not merely have time; we steward time that ultimately belongs to God.

SERMON REWIND

This week continues our **Lord Over All** series by asking a personal question:

Who gets my time?

Time is one of the clearest places where our priorities become visible. What gets our attention? What gets our best energy? What fills our calendar? What do we make room for, and what do we keep saying we do not have time for?

Most of us feel busy. Our schedules are full, our phones are loud, and our attention is constantly being pulled in different directions. But if Jesus is Lord, then our time does not ultimately belong to us. It belongs to Him.

That does not mean every moment has to be filled with church activity. It means our calendar, rhythms, rest, work, relationships, and attention all come under Jesus' leadership.

Sabbath reminds us that we are not God. We can stop because He is still holding everything together. Rest becomes an act of trust, and obedience becomes a way we reorder our time around what matters most.

The invitation this week is to let Jesus be Lord over our schedules, our attention, our hurry, and our rest.

KEY QUESTION

Who gets my time?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 What Gets My Attention?

Our attention often reveals what is forming us.

- a. What are some things that tend to get most of your attention during the week?
- b. How can what gets our attention begin to shape who we are becoming?

2 What Gets My Best?

Jesus' lordship invites us to consider not only what gets our leftover time, but what gets our best.

- a. What usually gets your best energy, focus, or effort?
- b. What would it look like to give Jesus your best, not just what is left over?

3 Why Am I Always Busy?

Busyness can sometimes make us feel important, needed, or in control.

- a. Why do you think so many people feel constantly busy or stretched thin?
- b. What might our busyness reveal about what we value, fear, or trust?

4 Sabbath and Trust

Sabbath reminds us that we are not God and that the world keeps moving even when we stop.

- a. What comes to mind when you hear the word "Sabbath"?
- b. How can rest become an act of trust in Jesus' lordship?

5

My Calendar and My Values

Our calendars can reveal what we value, prioritize, and protect.

- a. If someone looked at your calendar, what might they think matters most to you?
- b. What is one

DIVE DEEPER

Reflection Questions: Time is not just something we manage but it's something we steward before Jesus.

- Is there anything that you have been giving your attention to that may not deserve first place in your life? If so, what needs to be rearranged?
- What does your current calendar reveal about what you value most?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This week, practice surrendering your time to Jesus by:

- Praying, "Jesus, my time belongs to You."
- Looking honestly at your calendar and asking, "What does this reveal about my priorities?"
- Choosing one practical step, away from the business and towards rest, presence, obedience, or better stewardship of your time.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you slow down, to pay closer attention, and let Jesus lead the way you use your time.

CLOSING THOUGHT

Who gets my time?

This week, invite Jesus to be Lord not only over what you believe, but over your calendar, attention, rhythms, and rest.

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WEEK 7: JESUS IS LORD OF MY RELATIONSHIPS

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Marriage and Singleness

Following Jesus changes what relationships are for.

SERMON REWIND

This week continues our **Lord Over All** series by asking a deeply practical question:

Who are my relationships ultimately for?

Relationships are one of the places where lordship becomes very real as marriage, singleness, dating, friendship, and family all reveal what we love, what we expect, what we fear, and what we are tempted to make ultimate in our lives.

Our culture often teaches us to see relationships through the lens of personal fulfillment: Does this person complete me? Do they meet my needs? Do they make me happy? Do they give me the life I imagined?

But Jesus reshapes the way we see relationships.

If Jesus is Lord, then marriage is not ultimately about building a perfect life around ourselves. Singleness is not a waiting room for real life to begin. Dating is not about using another person to satisfy our loneliness or identity. Every relationship becomes an opportunity to love, serve, honor, and represent Jesus.

This does not mean that our relationships are not deeply meaningful, joyful, or deeply personal. They should be but they are not meant to become the lord of our lives.

The invitation this week is to let Jesus be Lord over how we love, what we expect from others, and what we believe our relationships are for.

KEY QUESTION

Who are my relationships ultimately for?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 What Are Relationships For?

Following Jesus changes how we understand the purpose of relationships.

- a. What are some ways our culture defines the purpose of relationships?
- b. How does following Jesus reshape what relationships are for?

2 Marriage and Singleness Under Jesus

Marriage and singleness are both places where we can love, serve, and live for God's Kingdom.

- a. What are some unhealthy ways people can view marriage or singleness?
- b. How can both marriage and singleness become opportunities to serve Jesus?

3 Dating and Lordship

If Jesus is Lord, He gets to shape how we pursue, honor, and love others.

- a. What does it look like for dating or romantic relationships to come under Jesus' leadership?
- b. What are some signs that romantic fulfillment may be becoming too central?

4

When Relationships Become Ultimate

Good relationships become unhealthy when we expect them to give us what only Jesus can give.

- a. Why can it be tempting to make a person, relationship, or future relationship ultimate?
- b. How do we love people deeply without making them our source of identity, security, or purpose?

5

Loving and Serving in the Kingdom

Jesus teaches us that relationships are not only about what we receive, but how we love and serve.

- a. What would change if we asked, "How can I serve this person like Jesus?"
- b. What is one relationship where Jesus may be inviting you to love with more humility, patience, honor, or selflessness?

DIVE DEEPER

Reflection Questions: Relationships are gifts from God, but they were never meant to replace God.

- Where have you been tempted to look to a relationship for something only Jesus can give?
- What would it look like to surrender your expectations, desires, or disappointments in relationships to Jesus?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This week, practice surrendering your relationships to Jesus by:

- Praying, "Jesus, be Lord over the way I love and relate to others."
- Naming one relationship where you need His wisdom, healing, or leadership.
- Taking one step to love, honor, serve, forgive, or encourage someone this week.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see your relationships as places where Jesus forms you and teaches you to love like Him.

CLOSING THOUGHT

Who are my relationships ultimately for?

This week, invite Jesus to be Lord not only over your personal life, but over how you love, serve, date, marry, wait, forgive, and relate to others.

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WEEK 8: JESUS IS LORD OF MY IDENTITY

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Sexuality and Identity

If Jesus is Lord, I do not ultimately get to define myself. My identity is received from Christ rather than constructed entirely by me.

SERMON REWIND

This week continues our **Lord Over All** series by asking a deeply personal question:

Who gets to define me?

We live in a world that often tells us identity is something we create, it's something we express, protect, and define for ourselves. But following Jesus invites us into a different way of living. If Jesus is Lord, then He gets the final word over who we are.

That does not mean our stories, desires, wounds, experiences, personalities, and struggles do not matter. It means none of those things get to be ultimate in our lives and our truest identity is not something we build from the inside out but rather It's something we receive from Jesus.

This matters because discipleship is not only about what we believe. It is also about what we do with our desires, how we understand our bodies, how we walk in obedience to Christ, and how we surrender when following Jesus is costly.

Jesus does not define us to shame us but rather, He defines us to

free us from shame. His lordship calls us to bring every part of ourselves under His love, truth, authority, and grace.

The invitation this week is to let Jesus be Lord over who we believe we are and who we are becoming.

KEY QUESTION

Who gets to define me?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

Who Gets to Define Me?

Identity is one of the deepest questions people carry.

- a. When you hear the word “identity,” what comes to mind?
- b. What are some voices or experiences that try to define who people are?

2

Received, Not Invented

If Jesus is Lord, our identity is received from Him rather than constructed entirely by us.

- a. What is the difference between creating your identity and receiving your identity from Christ?
- b. How can receiving our identity from Jesus bring freedom?

3

More Than My Desires

Following Jesus means our desires matter, but they do not get the final word over our lives.

- a. Why can it be difficult to surrender desires that feel deeply personal?
- b. How can we bring our desires to Jesus with honesty instead of hiding or shame?

4

Obedience When It Costs Us

Sometimes surrender to Jesus is costly, especially when His way challenges what we want or what culture affirms.

- a. Why does obedience sometimes feel costly?
- b. What helps us trust Jesus when surrender can start to feel difficult?

5

Defined by Christ

Jesus defines us with truth, grace, love, and authority.

- a. What does Jesus say is true about those who belong to Him?
- b. What is one area where you need to let Jesus' voice become louder than every other voice?

DIVE DEEPER

Reflection Questions: Identity is not just about how we see ourselves. It is about who gets the final word over who we are.

- What voice has been most shaping the way you see yourself lately?
- Where might Jesus be inviting you to surrender a label, desire, fear, or false identity to Him?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This week, practice surrendering your identity to Jesus by:

- Praying, "Jesus, You get to define me."
- Naming one voice, label, or desire that has been shaping your identity.
- Asking Jesus to remind you what is true about who you are in Him.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you receive your identity from Christ and walk in obedience, even when surrender costs you something.

CLOSING THOUGHT

Who gets to define me?

This week, invite Jesus to be Lord not only over what you do, but over who you believe you are.

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WEEK 9: JESUS IS LORD OF MY FAMILY

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Parenting and Family

My family belongs to Jesus, and I am called to steward the people God has entrusted to me.

SERMON REWIND

This week continues our **Lord Over All** series by asking a deeply personal question:

Who is my family ultimately for?

Family is one of the most meaningful parts of our lives, but it can also be one of the easiest places to forget Jesus' lordship. We can love our families deeply and still try to control them, protect them in fear, define what success looks like for them, or make family the ultimate thing in our lives.

If Jesus is Lord, then our families do not ultimately belong to us. They belong to Him. Our children, parents, siblings, spouses, and family relationships are gifts God has entrusted to us, not possessions we control.

This changes how we parent, love, lead, serve, forgive, and build our family culture. Parenting under Jesus' authority is not just about raising well-behaved kids. It is about discipling our children and helping form a home where Jesus is honored above all. And even for those who are not parents, Jesus' lordship reshapes how we

love and steward the family relationships He has placed in our lives.

The invitation this week is to surrender our families to Jesus and ask Him to shape the legacy we are creating.

KEY QUESTION

Who is my family ultimately for?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 Family Under Jesus' Lordship

Family is a gift from God, but it was never meant to become greater than God.

- a. What are some ways people can make their family into an idol?
- b. How does Jesus' lordship change the way we view our family relationships?

2 Stewarding, Not Controlling

If our families belong to Jesus, our responsibility is to steward them well and not to control them.

- a. What is the difference between stewarding your family and trying to control your family?
- b. Why can it be hard to trust Jesus with the people that we love most?

3 Parenting Under Jesus' Authority

Parenting under Jesus' lordship means raising children with His heart, truth, and authority.

- a. What does it mean to parent under Jesus' authority?
- b. How can parents disciple their children in everyday life, not just in church settings?

4 Jesus-Centered Family Culture

Every family has a culture, whether intentional or unintentional.

- a. What are some things that can easily shape the culture of a home or family?
- b. What would a Jesus-centered family culture look like in your home?

5

Legacy and Lordship

The way we love, lead, forgive, and serve helps shape the legacy we leave.

- a. What kind of legacy do you hope your family relationships will carry on?
- b. What is one step Jesus may be inviting you to take in your family this week?

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Reflection Questions: Family is a gift, but Jesus must remain Lord even over the people we love the most.

- Where have you been tempted to control, fear, avoid, or make family ultimate?
- What would it look like to surrender your family relationships to Jesus more fully?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This week, practice surrendering your family to Jesus by:

- Praying, "Jesus, my family belongs to You."
- Naming one family relationship where you need His wisdom, healing, or leadership.
- Taking one step to disciple, encourage, forgive, bless, listen to, or serve someone in your family.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you steward the people God has entrusted to you with love, humility, wisdom, and faith.

CLOSING THOUGHT

Who is my family ultimately for?

This week, invite Jesus to be Lord not only over your individual life, but over your home, your family relationships, and the legacy you are building.

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WEEK 10: JESUS IS LORD OF MY WITNESS

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Witness and Others

If Jesus is Lord, my life becomes a representation of His Kingdom.

SERMON REWIND

This week closes our **Lord Over All** series by asking one final question:

Who owns what I have?

If Jesus is Lord, then our lives are not just about our preferences, opinions, reputation, comfort, or being right. We belong to Him, and that means we represent Him in the way we speak, listen, disagree, post, serve, forgive, and love.

This matters deeply because people often form their understanding of who Jesus is by the way His followers live and represent Him. Our witness is not only what we say about Him. It is also how we treat people, especially people we disagree with, people who are difficult to love, and people who may never walk into a church unless they first see Jesus reflected through His people.

Jesus' lordship changes how we engage politics, social media, conflict, enemies, neighbors, coworkers, family, and strangers. It teaches us to ask, **"Am I representing Jesus, or am I representing myself?"**

The invitation this week is to let Jesus be Lord over our witness so that our lives point people toward His Kingdom.

KEY QUESTION

Who am I representing?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 My Life as a Witness

If Jesus is Lord, our lives become a representation of His Kingdom.

- a. When you hear the word "witness," what comes to mind?
- b. What do you think people learn about Jesus by watching how Christians live?

2 Representing Jesus in Disagreement

Following Jesus changes the way we treat people, even the ones we disagree with.

- a. What makes it difficult to love or honor people that we disagree with?
- b. What would it look like to represent Jesus well in our disagreements?

3 Opinions, Preferences, and Reputation

Jesus' lordship challenges us when our opinions, preferences, or reputation become too important.

- a. How can our opinions or preferences sometimes get in the way of our witness?
- b. Where do you feel most tempted to represent yourself instead of Jesus?

4 Social Media, Politics, and Public Life

Jesus is Lord over how we speak and engage publicly, not just our private lives.

- a. How should Jesus' lordship shape the way we engage with social media, politics, or even our public conversations?
- b. What are some signs that we may not be representing Jesus well?

Loving Like Jesus

Jesus calls us to love our neighbors and even our enemies.

- a. Who is hardest for you to love, pray for, or show patience toward?
- b. What is one practical way you can represent Jesus to others this week?

DIVE DEEPER

Reflection Questions: Witness is not just about having the right words. It is about us becoming the kind of person whose life points others to Jesus.

- Where have you been more focused on proving a point than representing Jesus?
- How might our conversations and reactions change if we focused more on representing Jesus than defending our own opinions?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This week, practice surrendering your witness to Jesus by:

- Praying, "Jesus, help me represent You well."
- Pausing before one conversation, post, or reaction to ask, "Does this reflect Jesus?"
- Taking one step to love, honor, serve, forgive, or pray for someone this week.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live as a faithful witness whose words, actions, and posture point people toward Jesus.

CLOSING THOUGHT

Who am I representing?

This week, invite Jesus to be Lord not only over what you believe, but over the way your life represents Him to the world.

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Prayer Requests

Note your prayer requests and fellow small group members' prayer requests here and pray for one another throughout the week.

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