



FOLLOW JESUS - LORD OF ALL

CONNECT

- Tell us about one person who has greatly influenced you, and what difference they made in your life.
- Recall a time when you had to make a big decision. What was your decision-making process and did it involve others?
- In your opinion, who is the most powerful person in the world? Why?

WHAT

To believe in Jesus means to accept him as both Lord and Savior. As the brilliant author C.S. Lewis pointed out, Jesus is either Lord of all as He repeatedly claimed, or he is a lunatic or a liar. It would be foolish to trust Jesus to save you or to follow him if he is not Lord of all as he claimed. If I say, "Jesus is Lord," that means that he is my master in every area of my life. This declaration is more than intellectual assent or lip service. It means we submit ourselves fully to him. In this lesson, we will learn what Lordship means on a practical level by discussing three key areas of our lives and what submitting to the Lordship of Jesus looks like in each of them.

WORD

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Acts 2:36 (NIV)

"That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Romans 10:9 (NIV)

1. Lord of my Will

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

Luke 22:42 (NIV)

Our will can be defined as our choices, decisions, and inclinations. Jesus surrendered his will to the will of his Father. If Jesus is our Lord it means that we submit our will to his will and follow him. Like Jesus, we need to make a decision to follow God and walk out this decision, no matter how hard it gets. Have you ever had to submit your will to someone else's will? What was that like? How do you respond when your will is not God's will?

2. Lord of my Mind

"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV)

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Making Jesus Lord of your mind is about filling your mind with his Word and his thoughts. Making our thoughts obedient to Christ means that we find out what he thinks about things and come into agreement with his thoughts, that we learn and adopt Jesus' value system, and that we start to see the world the way he sees it. How might reading the Bible, worship, Christian fellowship, and prayer help you see things the way God sees them? Have any of these things helped shape your thinking? What would you say is the primary molder of the way you currently think?

3. Lord of my Body

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19 (NIV)

The Bible says that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. What is a *temple* and how might this affect your lifestyle? To make Jesus Lord is to acknowledge that our bodies are no longer our own. What we believe should be reflected in how we live, including where we go, what we do, and what we say. What does it mean to you to make Jesus the Lord of your body?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Do you have beliefs, thought patterns, or practices that you know are not in agreement with God's Word? How can you renew your mind and know him more every day?
- Have you surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus Christ? If not, would you like to surrender your life completely to him today?
- Which areas of your life do you still need to submit to Christ's Lordship? What can you do this week so that Jesus' Lordship over your life is better reflected in your thoughts, words, and/or actions?

PRAYER

- Surrender every area of your life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Declare your trust in God's character, sovereignty, and faithfulness and commit yourself to follow Jesus.
- Ask God to help you live out your decision to serve and live for Him completely and wholeheartedly. Pray that your life would always and only be about Jesus, period.
- Pray for those you know who have not yet surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ. Trust that the Lord will use you to draw them closer to Him and that your life will be an example of Lordship to many.

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