SO WHAT

- Why do you think is it hard for people to obey God? What does this say about how they see Him?
- What do you think is harder to do—to obey God out of fear or reverence or to obey Him out of love? Why is a balance of both important?
- Read Galatians 6:1,2 and 1 John 1:9. What is the role of spiritual family and what should we do when we sin?

NOW WHAT

- How do you see Jesus? How can you allow Him to become LORD over your life?
- To obey Jesus and live for Him is the least thing we can do to honor what He did for us on the cross. What is your reason for obeying God? Allow Him to transform your heart and strengthen your loving relationship with Him.
- Are there any areas of struggle in obedience in your life? Who can help you trust and walk in the power of the Holy Spirit?

PRAYER

- Invite Jesus to be the LORD over your life all over again and ask Him to help you let go of the things that are not pleasing to Him.
- Pray within your group that each of you will grow more in your relationship with God. Believe God for more of the revelation of His love and authority in your lives.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to say no to ungodliness and live a holy life.

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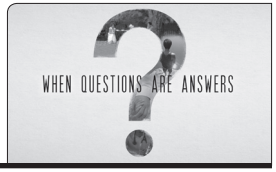
WEEK 3

Why do You Call Me Lord, Lord?



NOTES

CONNECT

- Tell us about a time you disobeyed your parents. What was it about?
- How are rules made and enforced in your family?
- Why do you think some drivers disregard traffic rules?

WORD

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" LUKE 6: 46

WHAT

Nowadays, the title 'Lord' is used in more in the religious and spiritual context. In the past, it had a broader meaning and could also be used to address a boss or ascribe respect like calling someone "sir" but when referring to Christ, it was clearly used in the highest possible sense. The word 'Lord' means master. What does it mean to say that Jesus is your Lord? Jesus asked that very same question.

1 To call Jesus Lord is to obey Him.

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"
LUKE 6: 46

The word "Lord" in the original Greek text means master or someone who owns a person or thing and has full power to decide upon the ownership. To call God 'Lord' or 'Master' and not do what He says are contradictory statements—meaning, both cannot be true at the same time. To call Him Lord means that you obey whatever He says. Comment on the statement, "If He's not Lord of all, He's not Lord at all."

2 Obedience is a product of our love for Him.

Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me.
JOHN 14:21

Obedience necessarily comes from our affections toward Christ. We cherish Him therefore we cherish what He says. Moreover, we want to please Him by following His commands. Even our love for Jesus is an effect of what He initiated with us and does not come from our own resolve or discipline. Why can we love Jesus and obey Him (Luke 7:41-43,47)?

3 The Holy Spirit enables us to obey Christ.

"And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws." EZEKIEL 36:27

The ability to obey God out of love and affection comes from the revelation and the power of the Holy Spirit. He helps us realize this by making the Scriptures come alive in our hearts and aids us in living out our faith. Apart from the Holy Spirit, is living up to God's commandments possible? Why or why not?