

SESSION THREE

YOUR BEST LIFE

= *in God* =

FOLLOWING JESUS IS
MORE THAN JUST BELIEVING
IN HIM, IT'S A LIFE LONG
JOURNEY OF LOVING HIM,
LOVING OTHERS AND LOVING
OURSELVES.

LORDSHIP

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

Acts 2:36

JESUS IS LORD OF ALL OR NOT AT ALL

Salvation is like a two-sided coin: one side represents Jesus as our Savior and the other side represents Him as our Lord. Jesus as our Savior means we receive eternal life from Him. Jesus as our Lord means following Him as the boss of our lives. We do not have an option of receiving Him as Savior and not as Lord.

Lord means master, the one who calls the shots, the one who makes the decisions. Salvation begins by acknowledging that Jesus is Lord. Confessing Jesus as Lord covers every area of our life.

That includes our thoughts, behavior, habits, emotions, finances, relationships, academics— everything! Salvation is an all or nothing proposal. It is a package deal—Savior and Lord.

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

LORDSHIP BEGINS IN THE HEART

Submitting to Christ as Lord is not about following a set of rules and commands. Rather, Lordship is a matter of the heart. It is a decision to follow Jesus in every area of life, even when it is difficult. When we decide to give our hearts to God and love Him completely, Lordship will begin to show in our lives.

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. . . .

1 Peter 3:15

LORDSHIP DEMANDS OBEDIENCE

As Lordship begins in our hearts, we will sincerely obey God. It is not enough to just call Him our Lord. Everyone who claims that He is Lord is expected to do what He commands. When we say that Jesus Christ is Lord, our lifestyle should back it up.

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

Luke 6:46

LORDSHIP IS A CONTINUOUS RELATIONSHIP

Making Jesus our Lord is not just a one-time experience. We are now in a relationship with God and we need to nurture this connection by knowing Him more through His Word and following His ways everyday. The more we know Him, the more we will obey Him.

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him . . .
Colossians 2:6*

QUESTIONS?

Are there areas in your life that you need to surrender to the Lordship of Jesus?

Are your relationships under His Lordship?

Is your time under His Lordship?

Are your finances under His Lordship?

“NOT EVERYONE WHO
SAYS TO ME,
'LORD, LORD,' WILL
ENTER THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN, BUT ONLY
HE WHO DOES THE
WILL OF MY FATHER
WHO IS IN HEAVEN.”
MATTHEW 7:21

THIS IS HOW GOD SHOWED
HIS LOVE AMONG US:
HE SENT HIS ONE AND
ONLY SON INTO THE WORLD
THAT WE MIGHT LIVE
THROUGH HIM.

1 JOHN 4:9

HOW TO LIVE

Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”
Matthew 22:37-39

The distinguishing feature of a Christian should be our ability to love. The Bible presents a whole lot of instructions and guidance on how to live a life of love. It is not meant to be read as a list of rules of do's and don'ts that influence whether we are succeeding as a Christian, but rather a description of what comes super-naturally when we accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

In Matthew Jesus told us to Love him, Love our neighbours and love ourselves. These are the core values of our church.

**LOVE GOD
LOVE PEOPLE
SERVE GOD
SERVE PEOPLE**

LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOUR

*“A new command I give you: Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one
another.*

John 13:34

Who is your neighbour? Is it literally the person who lives next door to you? No, it refers to everyone around you including your enemies.

Our love towards our neighbours is a self-sacrificing love. It is one where we seek the highest good for the other person. This means we don't judge other people, or treat them poorly, even if they are our enemy.

Jesus told an incredible story to demonstrate the love we should have for our neighbours.

Open your bible and read **Luke 10:25-37**

HOW TO TREAT YOURSELF

And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 22:39

It may seem a little bit of a contradiction, but we are to love ourselves. Not in the sense of “mirror, mirror on the wall who’s the fairest of them all”. We are not to be vain and full of self importance.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

Romans 12:3

God made you just the way you are. We are made in His image. The big challenge of Matthew 22:39 is that your ability to ‘love my neighbour’ is directly connected to your ability to ‘love myself’...

Believe you are justified (this word means balanced) by faith in Jesus. We are to be “transformed by the renewing of my mind” (Romans 12:2).

Take responsibility for your thought life

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable— if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

Not everything is good for you

“I have the right to do anything,” you say-- but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”--but not everything is constructive.

1 Corinthians 10:23

Don't be anxious

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Who we hang out with matters

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

Proverbs 13:20

AND WE KNOW THAT
IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS
FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE
WHO LOVE HIM,
WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED
ACCORDING TO
HIS PURPOSE.
ROMANS 8:28