

Christ as Lord Over All

Kingdom value or skill you hope to see developed: Giving areas of your life to God's control

Who this is for: involved members

Desired impact on disciples: deeper understanding of Christ as Lord

Desired impact on campus/home/others: n/a

Hear the word

Matthew 7:21-27, 10:34-39

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn

'a man against his father,

 a daughter against her mother,

a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'

Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it."

- What surprises you about Jesus' words?
- What does this mean for your life if you follow Jesus?

Respond actively

Consider three different areas of your life: your money, your time, and your schoolwork. Where you let Jesus have control over them? Where do you keep control for yourself? Brainstorm ways you can give up control to Jesus. Pray together and share your ideas with one person.

Debrief and Interpret

- How did it feel to give up parts of your life to God?
- What did you learn about God? Yourself?
- How did it feel to share with another person? How does community help us follow God?

Expand the influence

Do it again