WARM UP QUESTION: In what do you most trust? What makes you feel that you have purpose in your life?

READ: Philippians 2:6-13, 1 Chronicles 29:11-12

FOCUS: To call Jesus “Lord,” we must obey His Word.

OBSERVE:
Our lack of revelation and trust impede Jesus’ lordship in our lives.

- When we sign up for a job, we commit to following the employee handbook; we have certain hopes and expectations of our job, as do our employers of us. Similarly, when we receive salvation and agree to have Jesus as our Lord we have certain hopes and expectations. It is important to know that Jesus has certain expectations of us as well. In our faith, do we really understand what is expected of us, and the consequences of disregarding those expectations? The first expectation is that of Jesus’ lordship over us. That is our commitment. Though we might fail at times, we press on by returning to that foundation.
- We need revelation and trust for lordship to function well in our lives. Revelation gives us clarity; it helps us to re-prioritize our lives. Trusting that God has our best interests at heart—rather than just seeing circumstances from our limited perspective—helps us to invite and engage God in our lives.

How do we make Jesus our Lord?

- Repentance requires us to relinquish our independence and acknowledge that giving God authority over our lives is a higher priority than our own independence.
- Reading God’s Word doesn’t guarantee that there will be no challenges in our lives but if we allow it, the Scriptures can transform our talk, time, talent, treasure, thoughts and treatment of others.
- Realizing God’s strength, submitting daily to His leading, inviting Him into your decision making, (especially not assuming you know what He will say, helps you live out your commitment to Lordship.

Lordship means obedience.

- To be who Jesus has called us to be and to demonstrate that Jesus is our Lord, we must obey Him, giving Him full reign in every area of our lives, holding nothing back.

REFLECT:
In what ways have you been living your life apart from Jesus and His lordship? What are some areas in your life that make living out lordship challenging?

TAKE ACTION:
Following Jesus’ direction is easier with the help and encouragement of others. Participate in our fall Life Groups to help get more connected.

PRAY:
Jesus, we thank You for all that You provide for us, that You saved us and that You know how to best help us. Jesus give us greater understanding of the purpose to which You call us; give us the strength to trust You more. Lead us in all of our decisions each day. Help us to honor You with our lives, every decision that we make, all of our hearts. We love You, Jesus. In Your name we pray, amen.