



## WORSHIP

# OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST

**Objective for Learning:** To understand what obedience and Lordship means.

**Objective for Living:** To have a lifestyle that is marked by faithfulness to Jesus and a willingness to obey everything that He has commanded you.

**Objective for Reproducing:** To instruct and lead others into a lifestyle of submitting to the Lordship of Jesus in every decision of their lives.

### Scriptures for Obedience:

- Deuteronomy 11:1
- Luke 11:28
- 2 Corinthians 10:5
- John 14:15
- Galatians 2:20
- 2 John 1:6
- 1 Peter 1:14
- James 1:25
- Romans 5:19
- John 15:14

How do each of these Scriptures help to **define** and **illuminate** what accountability is and why it is important?

### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

#### Overview:

Just like in a marriage, we have to be willing to forsake all others in order to follow Jesus. He calls us in Matthew 6:33 to seek *first* the Kingdom of Heaven and that everything else is added after we make that initial step of obedience to pursue Him above all else. Obedience is the manifestation of the act of taking up your cross daily, making your commitment to God far above anything else in your life, and following His ways without hesitation or doubt.

To be a follower of Jesus each of us must allow Him to lovingly take control of our

entire life and being. This means not having any idols or false gods (money, careers, relationships, sports, friends, etc.) in our lives. As we surrender to His leadership through obedience, He forgives us and gives us eternal life. He also begins an ongoing process of maturing us (sanctification) and developing each day and more the nature of God in our souls (mind, will, intellect, and emotions). The fact is that we all begin our walk with God with character issues and deficiencies. The good news is that through the grace (help) of God and Christ's resurrection power, we allow Him to bring lasting victory into these areas, but that comes with the willing surrender and obedience to Jesus and His will and ways.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- How hard is it for you to take instructions from others? Why is that different when it is Jesus giving us the commands?
- What does it mean to seek first the Kingdom of heaven? How does this play out in our everyday lives?
- What are some areas of your life that you know are not submitted to Jesus? How can you move into a place of obedience in these areas?

### **Questions for Reproducing:**

- What are some effective ways to help people see the importance of obedience in their daily walk with the Lord?
- How do you help someone not only begin to be obedient in an area of their life but remain obedient in that area of their life?
- Recall areas of your life where you have had victory in obedience. How can you reproduce that victory in others?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or reproducing in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.