

Disciple Making for a Lifetime

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I. Introduction.

A. The Lordship of Jesus Christ.

B. Luke 9:23.

C. Lordship starts out with a commitment to Jesus Christ. (Romans 10:9-10)

D. Doctrinally we cannot accept Jesus as Savior and not as Lord, but practically this is sometimes how it works out.

II. If a person has not made a basic commitment, we encourage them to do so. (Romans 12:1-2)

III. However, we are faced with daily problems that require daily commitments. (Luke 9:23)

A. The cross is an execution mechanism.

B. The cross we are to take up is a metaphorical cross.

C. The real cross saves us from the penalty of sin and the resurrection saves us from the power of sin.

D. We are continually required to recommit ourselves to the Lord.

E. Basic Lordship is obedience to the will of God and the Word of God. (1 Samuel 15)

1. Saul wrongly substituted service for obedience.

2. Saul was guilty of stubbornness and rebellion. (Mark 7:13)

3. God dealt with Saul because he was a follower of idolatry and witchcraft, but it was rebellion that opened him up to these sins. (1 Chronicles 10:13)

4. Obedience is key to making Jesus as Lord.

F. We have to make commitment in various categories in our lives.

G. People face the difficulties that they do because of their religion.

IV. Reasons for lack of obedience. (Mark 10:45)

A. The disciples were unable to think of Jesus because they were thinking of themselves.

B. We do things in order to be appreciated.

C. The main problem to Lordship is that we fail to commit things to God.

- D. We have to be careful to make sure that we are walking with the Lord that He might be served.
- E. The little issues trip us up.
- F. We struggle because our thoughts are not His thoughts.

Application questions

1. Why do we sometimes fail to obey?

2. What is the relationship between discipling and a Lordship commitment?

3. In what ways are we to make that Lordship commitment? Are you willing to make that commitment today?
