

IF JESUS WASN'T LORD

ICE BREAKER

What always happens when no one is truly in charge? (At home, at work, on a team, or in an organization)

PURPOSE OF THIS BIBLE STUDY

The goal of this study is to grow our appreciation for Jesus as Lord of all by honestly considering what would be lost if He were not Lord. Sometimes we don't fully value what we have until we imagine life without it.

LESSON

1. If Jesus Wasn't Lord, He Would Influence Your Life, But He Wouldn't Have Authority Over It

Jesus was an influencer. Influence attracts attention.

John 6:2 (NIV)

Matthew 28:18 (NIV)

Colossians 1:16–18 (NIV)

Ephesians 1:20–22 (NIV)

These verses show that Jesus calls for submission, not just admiration, because He rules over all things.

REFLECTION QUESTION:

In what ways is Jesus influential in my life, but not always authoritative?

2. If Jesus Wasn't Lord, Sin Would Rule

Without the Lordship of Christ, sin would dominate and control life.

Romans 6:14 (NIV)

John 8:34–36 (NIV)

These scriptures show that freedom from sin is only possible under the Lordship of Christ.

REFLECTION QUESTION:

What areas of my life are most vulnerable when sin tries to dominate?

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3. If Jesus Wasn't Lord, Salvation Would Be Uncertain

Salvation requires authority, without the Lord's power over sin and death, salvation would be uncertain.

Romans 10:9 (NIV)

Acts 4:12 (NIV)

John 10:27–28 (NIV)

1 Corinthians 15:17–18 (NIV)

These verses show that salvation is secured by who Jesus is and His authority over sin and death, not human effort.

REFLECTION QUESTION:

What gives me confidence in my salvation, my effort or Christ's Lordship?

4. If Jesus Wasn't Lord, Evil Would Remain Unchecked

Evil only loses its power when it is confronted and defeated by a greater authority.

Colossians 2:15 (NIV)

Hebrews 2:14 (NIV)

These scriptures show that evil is defeated not by resistance, but by Christ's authority and victory.

REFLECTION QUESTION:

How does knowing Jesus has already defeated evil change how I face spiritual battles?

OVERALL LESSON:

When Jesus is truly Lord, everything finds its proper place, authority replaces influence, freedom replaces bondage, salvation is secure, and evil is defeated.