



PRAYER

Father God, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude, thanking You for the gift of Jesus, who is our Lord. We thank You that He is not only our Saviour but also our Lord, guiding us in every area of our lives. We ask that You help us to live in obedience to Him, trusting in His sovereignty over our relationships, our resources, and our future. May we live as true disciples, fully surrendered to His Lordship. In Jesus' name, Amen.

OPENING QUESTION
(OPTIONAL)

“Can you think of someone who had power and used it for good? How did they use their influence to make a positive impact?”



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WORD

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.”

Luke 6:46-48 (ESV)

“And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” And he said to him, ‘Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.’ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, ‘You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.’ Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.”

Mark 10:17-22 (ESV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 What does it mean to call Jesus “Lord” in your life? How does this impact your daily decisions?
2. In the passage from Luke, Jesus compares those who obey Him to someone who builds on a solid foundation. What does a “solid foundation” look like in your life right now?
3. Jesus told the rich man to sell everything and follow Him. Why do you think He made this specific demand? What does this teach us about the relationship between our possessions and our obedience to Christ?
4. If you were to examine the areas of your life where you are struggling to obey Christ, what do you think is at the root of that struggle? What steps can you take this week to bring those areas under Christ’s Lordship?

REFLECTION

In both Luke 6:46-48 and Mark 10:17-22, Jesus is inviting us to a deep commitment to His Lordship. He challenges us to not just call Him “Lord” with our lips but to live with Him as the true authority in every aspect of our lives. In Luke’s passage, the image of building a house on a solid foundation serves as a metaphor for the person who hears Jesus’ teachings and lives them out. A firm foundation means not just hearing but obeying the commands of Christ, which ultimately leads to a stable and secure life, even in the face of life’s challenges.

In Mark 10, we see a wealthy man who is unable to surrender his possessions to Jesus, even though he has kept all the commandments. Jesus offers him a challenge to take a step further into obedience by giving up his wealth and following Him. The man’s refusal shows that even though he observed the commandments, his heart wasn’t fully aligned with the Lordship of Christ. True obedience calls for surrender, not just in some areas but in everything.

For us in 2025, living under the Lordship of Christ means making Him the center of our relationships, resources, and future. In relationships, Christ calls us to love as He loves, putting others before ourselves and serving with humility. In resources—whether money, time, or talents—obedience involves surrendering them for God’s purposes, trusting that He will provide for all our needs. Finally, regarding our future, obedience means submitting our plans to Him, allowing His will to direct our path. As theologian N.T. Wright says, “To call Jesus Lord is to take up the challenge of aligning every part of your life with His agenda.” Obedience to Christ isn’t a one-time act; it’s a daily decision to live with Him at the centre of everything we do.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for sending Jesus to be both our Savior and our Lord. Today, we invite You to rule and reign in every area of our lives—our relationships, our resources, and our future. We recognize that true freedom and purpose come from living under Your Lordship. For those of us who are still holding back in certain areas, we pray for courage to fully surrender. We also pray for anyone who has not yet made Jesus their Lord, that they would take that step today. We worship You, Lord, and choose to follow You wholeheartedly. Help us to live in the fullness of the salvation You’ve given us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.