

Life of Christ

A study of the life and teachings of Jesus

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK 11 | A Call to Obedience (Days 66-72)

SERMON FOCUS: An Obedience God Can Use



Life Group Schedule

- PREP** Review the weekend service online. Read each Scripture prayerfully. Invite the Holy Spirit to show you any correction you need to make around the topic. Be willing to be open, humble, and honest with your group about what He shows you.
- 10 MIN** Log In, chat, check on everybody! Remember, be a facilitator of conversation, not a preacher! Talk little, listen more, and have fun! Keep in mind we do this for community and for each of us to grow closer in our relationships with God.
- 15 MIN** ICE BREAKER: Several ice breaker game suggestions can be located at [BIT.LY/NLCLIFEGROUP_ICEBREAKERS](https://bit.ly/NLCLIFEGROUP_ICEBREAKERS). Take your pick, and enjoy the game together!

TRANSITION: SPEND SOME TIME IN WORSHIP & PRAYER

30-45 MIN | AN OBEDIENCE GOD CAN USE

LUKE 17:7-10

- Q1.** What is obedience? List some examples of what it looks like to obey someone in your life. (Boss, Spouse, Parent,...)
- Doing your job
 - Fighting the Good Fight of Faith, (see 1 Timothy 6:12)
 - Serving without expectation of reward
- Q2.** Why does God want us to be obedient to him?
- Because He wants to bless us
 - He has a plan for our lives
 - He wants us to trust Him
- Q3.** What are some motives we might have for serving God? Should we be rewarded? Does God reward us for serving him? If yes, how?
- There is a master key that opens up every door in the Kingdom of Heaven: obedience is that key.

- For the blessing of joy that comes from heaven: Having a blessed life comes down to being obedient.

Q4. If not for a reward, then why are you serving God? Why is He worthy to be served and obeyed? What has He personally done for you?

- He is God and Lord of our life.
- We were created for His glory to do His will.
- He sent His son to pay the debt of our sins.

HOW DO WE GET THE KIND OF OBEDIENCE THAT GOD CAN USE?

1. We Have To Trust He Has The Best In Store for Us.

Q5. Have you ever been mad at God? Explain.

- Maybe people at a church hurt you and the enemy convinced you it was God. It was NOT God.

Q6. What plans does God have for you and your future?

JEREMIAH 29:11

- God's never going to get us lost, like Siri! ;)

Q7. Share a time when you were lost. Where were you? Did you use a map to find your way? What kind of map was it? What is God's road map for our lives?

- Our sinful nature is a lot like Siri, it's always going to try to take short cuts
- There are going to be times in your life when you feel like you are in Death Valley but, God is always with you, (see Psalm 23:4).

DEUTERONOMY 31:6

- Being willing to obey all of God's commands is real obedience—the kind He can use.

2. Relinquish Control To Him

Q8. In what areas of your life do you have trouble releasing control to God? Do you have any regrets from your past where you wish you gave control to God? What would you do differently today?

- Need to truly trust Him.
- Some prideful people, strong leaders, creative people, want to “run the plays” hard to give up control
- That's not the way it “works” in God's Kingdom, (see Matthew 6:10).
- Jesus prayed the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13 and in Gethsemane, Matthew 26:39—God's will be done).

3. We Have A Thankful Heart

Q9. What are you thankful for? What has God done for you this past year?

PSALM 118:1

- Just be thankful instead of always expecting more.
- Sometimes we struggle with being content
- All the prayers we pray will not move God as quickly as your obedience to God will move Him.

4. Just Do It

Q10. What has God asked you to do in the past? Were you obedient? Why or why not?

- PROV 3:5-6 Three premises before the promise

JAMES 1:22

- Most of the time we don't have a hearing problem but a doing problem

Q11. If you have not done something for God, do you think you have a hearing problem or could it be a doing problem? What are some possible reasons why we do not do what God calls us to do? Do you need to ask for God's forgiveness for not being obedient?

- Sometimes it's just an inconvenience or we get so focused on what we are doing and what we have going on that we miss out on the opportunities that God has for us.

MATT 7:21

Q12. What is God asking of you today? What is one simple step you can take to begin being obedient to God today?

- Being obedient when no one is looking
- Praying, seeking after God, being in the Word, serving, tithing

TAKE PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAY OVER NEEDS.

CONFIRM OR SCHEDULE YOUR NEXT MEETING, WHETHER LIVE OR VIRTUAL

Leaders: Please share your email address and cell numbers. Be available!

- For more ideas, check out [VIRTUAL LIFE GROUP PLAN](#).
- As Life Group leaders—the hands, feet and voice of Jesus—remember “CPR”:
 - › C – Check-In and Care for People at least weekly
 - › P – Pray with and for them often
 - › R – Remember Scripture. God's Word is powerful!
- Group Participation Guideline Reminders:
 - › Do not share anything that will embarrass anyone, including your spouse.
 - › If called on you may pass on any questions you do not want to answer.
 - › Allow time for everyone to share; do not dominate the conversation.
 - › What is said in the group stays in the group. Use common sense and know when something shared is personal and should remain confidential.

For Daily Prayer: The following linked resources can help strengthen our prayer lives

- Foundations, Session 4: [“WHAT IS PRAYER?”](#)
- [THE LORD'S PRAYER PATTERN](#)
- [THE PRAYER OF JABEZ PRAYER PATTERN](#)
- [THE TRINITY PRAYER PATTERN](#)