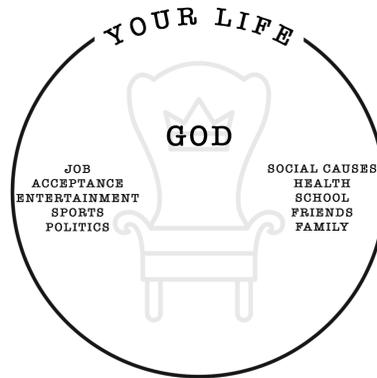


NOTES

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34, Luke 10:25-37, Hebrews 4:12, and Hebrews 4:16



Whoever or whatever is on the throne of your life, will be who or what directs your life.



He becomes LORD of your life when He ALONE sits on the throne of your life.



He is LORD when other things don't dictate how much of your life God gets. But when God determines how much of your life they get.

REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

Looking back over your notes, what did you find most helpful, challenging, or interesting in this week's teaching? Was there anything you've never heard before or something that made you think differently?

If you were able to have a face to face conversation with Jesus and before He left, you had the chance to ask Him one final question — what would you ask Him?

Is there any subject that you find yourself spending a lot of time thinking about, studying, and/or debating? Why is that so important to you right now?

What do you think of the word “obey”? Do you see it as a positive or negative word? Why?

MY STORY

What do you think is the most important thing that Jesus said? Why?

Who do you consider your neighbor? Why? Do you like your neighbors?

Is God the Lord of your life? Do you think your co-workers, classmates, acquaintances, fellow parents at your kid's sporting events, etc. know that God is the Lord of your life? If so, how do you show that God is the Lord of your life to others? If not, why not?

Have you had to give up or sacrifice anything to keep God on the throne in your life?

Have you ever given up something you thought was good because you were allowing it to share the throne in your life with God?

Have you ever noticed the difference between loving others through your own strength and loving them through the power of the Holy Spirit?

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DIGGING DEEPER

Read through these guiding scriptures and answer the corresponding questions.

Hebrews 4:12, Psalm 119:113-120, Jeremiah 15:16-17, Matthew 4:1-4, Psalm 73:23-26, John 1:1-5, 9-14, and 1 Peter 1:23-25

What is the Word of God? Does that term refer to more than one thing in your mind?

How can the Word of God be words written by man but also be one of the names for Jesus in the Bible?

How can the Word of God refer to words written thousands of years ago, but at the same time be referred to as living and active?

How do you take the Word of God into your heart, soul, and mind regularly?

What new insight has the Word of God given you?

What is God's Word doing in your life now?

BRINGING IT HOME

Julie dissected Mark 12:29b ("The Lord our God, the Lord is one"). What do you think this verse means? Why is it important?

Look at the illustrations in the notes section of this guide (page 1) that Julie talked about in her message. Think of the things and people in your life who you allow to have sway over how you spend your time/resources and the way you live. Who and what are they? Why have you put each of them there?

In the center of the circle of your life is the throne (who/what has authority over you). What things or people have authority over you and drive how you make decisions about how you'll live each day? How much influence do each of these people or things have over the decisions you make?

Do you believe that Jesus is the ultimate authority over you? Why or why not? What does it do to your thinking if you consider Jesus as the ultimate authority of your life?

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Julie told us that how we demonstrate that God is not only our God, but also the Lord over our life is how we live out Mark 12:30 (“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.”) Do you agree with that statement? How are you doing with obeying that command by Jesus? How do you live that out?

How are you positioning yourself to walk in obedience to God? Is He the Lord of your life? Does God rule on the throne of your life, or are you trying to offer a spot to God but not the whole throne?

What does it mean to love the Lord your God?

In relation to how you answered the previous couple of questions, can you truly love God if He is not the Lord of your life?

What does it mean to love your neighbor?

Thinking of the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37), how are you doing with loving your neighbors? How do you love a neighbor you don't really like or agree with?

Read Hebrews 4:16 out loud in your group. What does grace mean? When we talk about Jesus sitting on the throne of our lives, why is it important to remember that He sits on a throne of grace?

Jesus ends the verses used in Julie's message with “you are not far from the kingdom of God.” If you were talking face to face with Jesus, do you think He would say this about you based on how you are living? Is this what you would want Jesus to say to you about your life?

Your Next Steps are: 1) Think through who/what has sway in your life and drives your decision making. **2)** Consciously surrender your life to God daily and ask Him to be the Lord of your life. **3)** If you're not doing life with other believers, join a Life Group – it's not too late (<https://thevineyard.churchcenter.com/groups>).