

# DOCTRINE

## REVIEW

Any questions? [Review any homework]

Are you ready to make the decision to become a Christian?

## PURPOSE

Solidify final decision to make Jesus Lord of their life & be baptized.

## TEACHING TIPS

- \* Seek Help. Be sure to have a mature Christian & their future discipling partner(s) present.
- \* Be Thorough. This is a cumulative review. It may not be necessary to read all the passages.
- \* Look for Attitudes, not just Answers. Do you sense and see this person's life really changing? Are they joyfully entering the Kingdom or is it a burden?
- \* It's common to get to this point & find newly realized fears, unexposed sin or other issues that haven't surfaced already. Patiently work through any questions or concerns they have.

## Why do you want to become a disciple of Jesus?

### 2 Corinthians 5:14

Jesus' love compels us. Jesus died for me & I want to give him my life in return.

### Luke 14:25-33

We count the cost so we can finish what we start.

### Philippians 2:5-11

God raised Jesus up from death to resurrection. His rightful position is "Lord" of all.

## 1. JESUS is LORD of our HEART

### Jeremiah 17:9

Why does the Bible say our hearts are deceitful? Emotion can blind us spiritually. What if your "heart" doesn't feel like it wants to follow God anymore? Loving God means obeying his Word. [John 14:23-24]

What does your family think about your decision to be a disciple? Friends?

### 2 Timothy 3:12

Who will be persecuted? Anyone who "wants" to live a godly life. [also John 15:18-25]  
What are examples of persecution you might face as a Christian?

## 2. JESUS is LORD of our POSSESSIONS

### Matthew 6:19-24

Are possessions & money evil? No, they are tools. But they can become idols. What do you think it means to store up treasure in heaven?  
How will becoming a disciple change your financial focus?

## 1 Corinthians 15:58-16:2

Church contribution should be regular & proportional to what we make.

Are you committed to give regularly to the work of the Lord?

[also 2 Corinthians 9:6-13, 1 Timothy 6:10, 17-19, Malachi 3:8-10, Proverbs 3:9]

## 3. JESUS is LORD of our RELATIONSHIPS

### Romans 15:14

"Discipling " relationships in the church instruct us in life & help us grow spiritually.

### 1 Corinthians 15:33

Are there any relationships you have now that could pull you away from God?

### 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

What is "yoked together?" Wooden harness binding two animals together for work.

Do not get harnessed in intimate relationships with unbelievers.

Who should we be pursuing close personal relationships with? Disciples.

Does that mean that all disciples are perfect & totally trustworthy? No. [Prov. 12:26]

Since disciples only marry other disciples [1 Corinthians 7:39], when it comes to romance, who should a disciple be going on dates with? Disciples.

God must be the center of our romantic life, marriage & family.

## 4 . JESUS is LORD of our TIME

### Matthew 6:33

What should we seek first? How do we do that?

**Review Convictions from Church Study:** Commitment to Body of Christ.

[also Psalm 90:12, 1 Corinthians 12:27, Acts 2:45-46, Acts 4:32-34, 36]

## 5. JESUS is LORD of our PURPOSE

### Matthew 22:37-39

What is our purpose? Love God & Love People.

Are you ready to be an ambassador for Christ among your peers, coworkers, & family?

**Review Convictions from Discipleship Study:** Training to be a fisher of men.

[also Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 1:16-18, Philemon v.6, Acts 8:4]

### CONCLUDING QUESTIONS

- \* Are you ready to make Jesus Lord of every area of your life?
- \* Which will be the most difficult area of your life to surrender to God?
- \* Is there any particular person that you still need to forgive?
- \* Are there sins you haven't had a chance to confess?

### Galatians 2:20

Baptism marks the Rebirth of a New Person: Our old life with all its sin & shame is dead & gone. Our new life is resurrected with Christ. It doesn't mean we'll never sin again, but we will be saved.

Before baptism you'll be asked 2 questions:

1. Do you believe Jesus died for you & raised on the 3rd day?
2. What is your good confession?  
As we've studied today in Philippians 2, your 'good confession' will be "JESUS is LORD." [also Romans 10:9-10]

Are you ready to answer these 2 questions & commit your life to Christ?

Talk through the details of the Baptism; when, where, who, etc...

This is the **most important decision** anyone can make in a lifetime so make the moment as special as possible!