



WEEK 4: JESUS IS LORD OF MY FUTURE

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Future and God's Will

If Jesus is Lord, I do not have to control the future because I can trust the One who holds it.

SERMON REWIND

This week continues our Lord Over All series by asking an honest question:

Who gets to determine where my life is going?

Most of us like the idea of trusting Jesus until trust requires us to release control. We want God's will, but we also want details, timelines, guarantees, and maybe a five-year plan with bullet points and snacks.

But if Jesus is Lord, then He is not only Lord over where we have been. He is Lord over where we are going as well.

That means surrender is not giving up. Surrender is choosing to trust the One who sees what we cannot see, knows what we do not know, and loves us more deeply than we can understand.

Following Jesus does not mean we will always know what is next. It means we can trust Him even when we do not. His lordship reshapes how we make decisions, how we hold our plans, how we respond when life changes, and how we walk when God's plan looks different from ours.

The invitation this week is to stop carrying the future like it all depends on us and begin trusting Jesus as Lord over what comes next.

KEY QUESTION

Who gets to determine where my life is going?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

Wanting to Know What's Next

The future can bring excitement, but it can also bring pressure, fear, and uncertainty.

- a. When you think about the future, what emotions usually come up for you?
- b. Why do you think not knowing what is next can be so difficult?

2

Control and Trust

If Jesus is Lord, we do not have to control the future because we can trust the One who holds it.

- a. What is the difference between planning wisely and trying to control everything?
- b. Where do you find yourself trying to hold tightly to control?

3

Discerning God's Will

Following Jesus means learning to ask how He wants us to live and where He is leading.

- a. How do you usually make big decisions?
- b. What helps you discern God's will when you are unsure?

4

When God's Plan Isn't My Plan

Sometimes surrender becomes real when God's direction looks different from what we expected.

- a. Why can it be hard to trust Jesus when His plan does not match ours?
- b. Have you ever seen God work through a season that did not go the way you planned?

Jesus' lordship invites us to place our future under His leadership.

- a. What part of your future feels easiest to trust Jesus with?
- b. What part of your future feels hardest to surrender to Jesus?

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Reflection Questions: Surrendering the future does not mean we stop caring. It means we stop pretending we are the ones who hold everything together.

- Where have you been carrying the weight of the future like it all depends on you?
- What would it look like to trust Jesus with the next step, even if you do not know the whole plan?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This week, practice surrendering your future to Jesus by:

- Praying, "Jesus, You are Lord over what comes next."
- Naming one area of the future you have been trying to control.
- Taking one faithful next step instead of waiting for the whole plan to be clear.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you trust Jesus with your decisions, your plans, your timing, and your future.

CLOSING THOUGHT

Who gets to determine where my life is going?

This week, invite Jesus to be Lord not only over your present, but over your future.