



WEEK 7: JESUS IS LORD OF MY RELATIONSHIPS

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Marriage and Singleness

Following Jesus changes what relationships are for.

SERMON REWIND

This week continues our **Lord Over All** series by asking a deeply practical question:

Who are my relationships ultimately for?

Relationships are one of the places where lordship becomes very real as marriage, singleness, dating, friendship, and family all reveal what we love, what we expect, what we fear, and what we are tempted to make ultimate in our lives.

Our culture often teaches us to see relationships through the lens of personal fulfillment: Does this person complete me? Do they meet my needs? Do they make me happy? Do they give me the life I imagined?

But Jesus reshapes the way we see relationships.

If Jesus is Lord, then marriage is not ultimately about building a perfect life around ourselves. Singleness is not a waiting room for real life to begin. Dating is not about using another person to satisfy our loneliness or identity. Every relationship becomes an opportunity to love, serve, honor, and represent Jesus.

This does not mean that our relationships are not deeply meaningful, joyful, or deeply personal. They should be but they are not meant to become the lord of our lives.

The invitation this week is to let Jesus be Lord over how we love, what we expect from others, and what we believe our relationships are for.

KEY QUESTION

Who are my relationships ultimately for?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 What Are Relationships For?

Following Jesus changes how we understand the purpose of relationships.

- a. What are some ways our culture defines the purpose of relationships?
- b. How does following Jesus reshape what relationships are for?

2 Marriage and Singleness Under Jesus

Marriage and singleness are both places where we can love, serve, and live for God's Kingdom.

- a. What are some unhealthy ways people can view marriage or singleness?
- b. How can both marriage and singleness become opportunities to serve Jesus?

3 Dating and Lordship

If Jesus is Lord, He gets to shape how we pursue, honor, and love others.

- a. What does it look like for dating or romantic relationships to come under Jesus' leadership?
- b. What are some signs that romantic fulfillment may be becoming too central?

4**When Relationships Become Ultimate**

Good relationships become unhealthy when we expect them to give us what only Jesus can give.

- a. Why can it be tempting to make a person, relationship, or future relationship ultimate?
- b. How do we love people deeply without making them our source of identity, security, or purpose?

5**Loving and Serving in the Kingdom**

Jesus teaches us that relationships are not only about what we receive, but how we love and serve.

- a. What would change if we asked, "How can I serve this person like Jesus?"
- b. What is one relationship where Jesus may be inviting you to love with more humility, patience, honor, or selflessness?

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Reflection Questions: Relationships are gifts from God, but they were never meant to replace God.

- Where have you been tempted to look to a relationship for something only Jesus can give?
- What would it look like to surrender your expectations, desires, or disappointments in relationships to Jesus?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This week, practice surrendering your relationships to Jesus by:

- Praying, "Jesus, be Lord over the way I love and relate to others."
- Naming one relationship where you need His wisdom, healing, or leadership.
- Taking one step to love, honor, serve, forgive, or encourage someone this week.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see your relationships as places where Jesus forms you and teaches you to love like Him.