ICE BREAKER

What is the best gift you have ever received? What made it special, different or unique?

LOOK BACK

- What did you do to make disciples "as you go" over the past several weeks?

LOOK UP

- Read 1 Peter 1:13-15. What do these verses say about Jesus and about people? Do you find the instructions in these verses confusing, frustrating or helpful? Why?
- Read Romans 3:22-24 and Romans 5:17. What do these verses have in common with each other and with 1 Peter 1:13-15? Based on these verses, how does a person become “righteous”? How does this compare with your understanding of what it looks like to “be holy”?
- Read Luke 18:18-22. What did the ruler think was required to be “holy” and “righteous” and why did he think this way? What did Jesus say was really most important and what was required? How easy is it for you to accept and apply this in your life?

LOOK AHEAD

- What areas of your life do you expect free grace without “Lordship”?
- What areas of your life do you perform for Jesus?
- What part of your life do you need to surrender to Jesus as Lord?

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

This week, start your day by asking Jesus - what should I do with: my Sunday, relationships, finances, priorities, hobbies, identity, sex life…?

SUMMARY

The command to “be holy” has led people to go places in search of “holiness”. We go to church, follow commandments and hope that God and others look favorably on us. The truth is that we are declared righteous and holy when we surrender and submit to Jesus as “lord’ of our lives. This changes our perspective and attitude towards God and the world - we go to church to honor God, we read the Bible to know God, we choose to follow Jesus and use the Holy Spirit as the internal guide directing us to be obedient.

MAIN TAKEAWAY

Being “holy” is the natural result of making Jesus Lord of all things in our life.

CONVERSATION TIPS

- **Stay Curious.** Ask follow-up questions instead of jumping to conclusions or trying to fix everything.
- **Don't Rush.** Let silence happen. Give people time to think before jumping in.
- **Be Real.** Share honestly about your thoughts, struggles, and questions. You don't have to have it all figured out.