

Small Group Guide: One Lord

Based on the sermon from John 1:1-14

Opening Prayer & Icebreaker (10 minutes)

Icebreaker Question: What's a logo or brand that immediately makes you think of something specific? What does it represent to you?

Key Scripture Passages

- John 1:1-4, 14
 - 1 Corinthians 1:23
 - 1 Corinthians 15:3-8
 - Philippians 2:5-11
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Sermon Summary

This message explores the central truth that Jesus is Lord—not one option among many, but God's ultimate revelation of Himself. Unlike human-made logos that represent companies, God has a "logos" (Word) that became flesh in Jesus Christ. The sermon addresses how Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection from the dead validates His claim to be the one true Lord, and challenges us to respond to His love with a personal "yes."

Discussion Questions

Understanding the Message (15-20 minutes)

1. **The "Coexist" Worldview**
 - How does our culture today mirror the religious pluralism of the Roman Empire that the early church faced?

- Why is it difficult for people today to accept that Jesus is THE way rather than A way?
2. **God's Logo vs. Human Expectations**
- The sermon mentioned that if humans were inventing a god, they wouldn't choose someone who dies on a cross. Why is the cross such "foolishness" to the world?
 - What does it say about God that He chose to reveal Himself through weakness rather than overwhelming power?
3. **The Resurrection Evidence**
- What stands out to you about the way the disciples told the resurrection story (women as first witnesses, their own cowardice, etc.)?
 - Why is the transformation of the disciples from cowards to courageous witnesses such compelling evidence?

Personal Reflection (15-20 minutes)

4. **Jesus' Relevance Today**
- The sermon suggested that despite all our technological advancement, this generation is the most anxious and depressed ever. Why do you think that is?
 - In what ways have you seen people (or yourself) try to find in "something" what can only be found in "someone"?
5. **The Depth of God's Love**
- Philippians 2 says Jesus "made himself nothing" and went to the cross. How does understanding how LOW Jesus went change your perspective on how much God loves you?
 - Is there an area of your life where you feel "beyond the reach of God"? How does the cross speak to that?
6. **Saying "Yes" to Jesus**
- What does it mean practically to acknowledge Jesus as Lord in your daily life?
 - What's the difference between believing Jesus is Lord and living like He's Lord?

Key Takeaways

1. **Jesus is not one option among many—He is THE Lord.** The resurrection validates His unique claim to be God in flesh.
2. **The cross demonstrates the depth of God's love.** Jesus went as low as anyone could go to reach us, no matter how far we think we've fallen.
3. **We need someone, not something.** Technology and advancement cannot meet our deepest needs—only relationship with Jesus can.
4. **The evidence for the resurrection is compelling.** The transformed lives of eyewitnesses who died for what they saw gives us reason to believe.

5. **Jesus calls for a response.** Knowing about Jesus isn't enough—we must say "yes" to Him.
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Practical Applications

This Week's Challenge (Choose 1-2)

1. **Examine Your Lordship**
 - Take time each day this week to ask: "In what area of my life am I not treating Jesus as Lord?" Journal about what comes up and pray about surrendering that area to Him.
 2. **Share Your Story**
 - If you've been baptized, share your baptism story with someone this week. If you haven't been baptized, consider whether God is calling you to take that step of public commitment.
 3. **Reach Out in Love**
 - Think of someone in your life who seems to be trying to find in "something" what can only be found in "someone." Pray for an opportunity to have a conversation with them about Jesus.
 4. **Study the Resurrection**
 - Read the resurrection accounts in all four Gospels this week (Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20-21). Note the differences and similarities. What new details stand out to you?
 5. **Memorize Scripture**
 - Memorize Philippians 2:5-11 as a reminder of what Jesus did for you and who He is.
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Prayer Focus (10-15 minutes)

Pray together for:

- Hearts that fully surrender to Jesus as Lord, not just Savior
 - Courage to publicly identify with Christ (through baptism or bold witness)
 - Friends and family members who don't yet know Jesus
 - The upcoming baptism service (August 2nd) and those considering baptism
 - Areas where group members feel "beyond the reach of God"—that they would experience His pursuing love
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Looking Ahead

Next week's topic: **One Book** (continuing the "Five Ones" series)

Preparation: Come ready to discuss why we trust the Bible and what it means that Scripture is our authority.

Closing Thought

"However low you are, Jesus went even lower in his pursuit of you. He went to the cross and he defeated sin and death because he wants you to have life."

The question isn't whether Jesus is worthy of being Lord—the resurrection proved that. The question is: Will you say yes?