

Lordship



COMMON GROUND

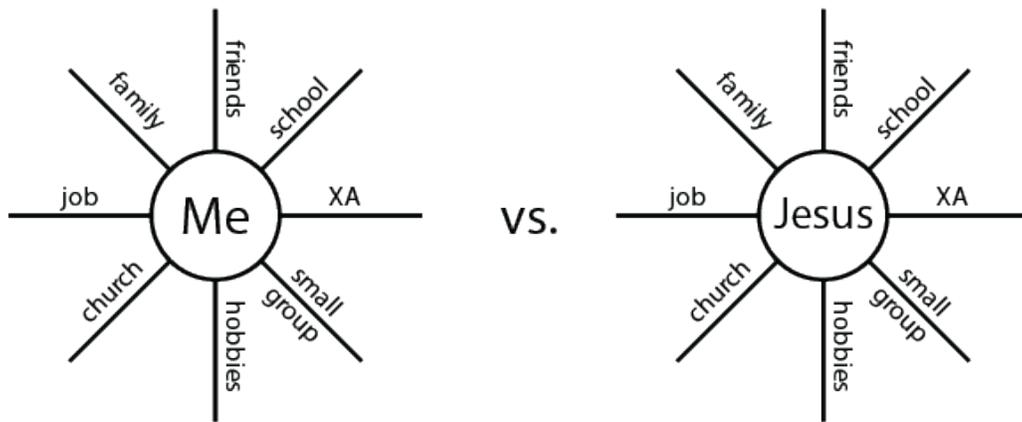
- What's an embarrassing obsession you've had?

KNOWN TRUTH

Your life revolves around something. Sometimes good things take a wrong place in our lives.

INTEGRATION POINT

- Have you ever been sitting by a window when you suddenly see a group of people laughing as they walk by? You get the impression that their laughter is related to you and you wonder, *Is my hair messed up? Did I drop food on my shirt? Am I doing something that looks dumb?* In reality, the people walking by haven't even noticed you and are laughing about something entirely different. Sometimes we can think that everything revolves around us.
- Integration Point: The thing that everything in your life is centered around and the lens through which you see/understand the world and your experiences.
 - A good self test: *Why do I do the things I do and whom do I do them for?*



- Jesus cannot simply be another facet of our life.
 - We often compartmentalize our lives into separate areas: the sacred/spiritual and the secular. Church, small group, and Bible reading are sacred/spiritual activities while work, school, meals, and our homes are secular and unspiritual. We act as if Jesus belongs only in spiritual spaces.
 - Jesus is Lord of all or not at all.
- We can even live an outwardly Christian life without surrendering ourselves entirely to the Lord.
 - We can serve others for the sake of receiving praise, go to church because it makes us feel good, and read the Bible looking for its promises to us.
 - We should instead serve the Lord for who He is.

GOD HAS A RIGHT ON YOUR LIFE

- His right on our life is grounded in Him being God, our Creator

*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.*

PSALMS 24:1-2

- Jesus' right on our life was also won when he gave his life in place of ours

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 COR 6:19-20

- Jesus is the most loving and faithful person and the most qualified to lead our lives

PUTTING OFF AND PUTTING ON

The human body requires that you inhale to get oxygen and exhale to get rid of the poison. And so the Church of Christ has to inhale and exhale. When she inhales she must exhale. When the Church inhales the Holy Spirit she must exhale everything that is contrary to Him. I don't believe any man can love until he's able to hate.

I don't think that any man can love God unless he hates the devil. I don't think he can love righteousness unless he hates sin; for the Scripture leaves us with the belief that in order to accept there are some things you must reject. In order to affirm there are things you have to deny; in order to say yes you have to be able to say no."

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- Do you agree?
- Can you think of an example where this would be true?

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

EPHESIANS 4:17-24

- What would it look like to try to "put on" the new self without "putting off" your old self?

APPLICATION

We often think of academics as an unspiritual or secular area of our lives. What could it look like if brought school under the Lordship of Jesus?