

THE COMMONS LEADER GUIDE

April 28

NOT MY JESUS - FULL PLEASURE

MAIN SCRIPTURES

1 John 2:3-6, John 14:15

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

John 14:21 1 John 5:3
Ecclesiastes 12:13 Romans 13:8-10
Exodus 20:6 1 Corinthians 7:19

MAIN POINT

To love Jesus is to obey Jesus.

RESOURCES

Read this [article](#) about Obedience to God

Watch this short [video](#) from Pastor John Piper

UPCOMING EVENTS

END OF YEAR GATHERING - May 5th

PARTNERSHIP CLASS - May 4th

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

INTRO

1. What part of the message felt like it was aimed directly at you, and why do you think that is?
2. What's something you say you care about (health, friendships, faith, etc.) but your habits don't really back up? What's the disconnect?
3. Think of someone you genuinely respect. How does that respect actually show up in your behavior, not just your words?

SCRIPTURE

1. Read 1 John 2:3-6.
According to this passage, how can you tell if someone really knows Jesus?
How is that different from how people typically define faith today?
2. Where in your life is it easiest to say you love Jesus but hardest to actually obey Him? Why that area?
3. Read John 14:15.
If obedience is tied directly to love, what does that reveal about the way we sometimes define "loving Jesus"?
4. What are some commands of Jesus that people in their 20s tend to ignore, minimize, or explain away? (Think: relationships, sex, money, forgiveness, pride, honesty, etc.)
Why do you think those are so easy to overlook?

APPLICATION

5. The statement "To love Jesus is to obey Jesus" can feel intense. What part of that challenges you the most and what part of it is actually good for you?
6. Where are you currently negotiating obedience? (Not outright rejecting Jesus, but slowly bending what He says to fit your life.)
7. How can you tell the difference between "I'm struggling but I want to obey" and "I know what Jesus says, I just don't want to do it"?
Where do you honestly see yourself right now?
8. If you actually took Jesus seriously in one area you've been avoiding, what would need to change this week? Be specific.

