



# GRACE GROUP LEADER'S MESSAGE GUIDE

(Week of April 12th)

## NOT MY JESUS - ABOVE ALL OTHERS

### ICEBREAKER

Which actor would you want to play you in the movie about your life?

### BOTTOM LINE

Your relationship to Jesus is the relationship that always wins.

### MAIN SCRIPTURE

Matthew 10:32-39

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

John 15:4-5	Galatians 2:20
John 14:6	Revelation 3:20
John 10:10	Romans 8:38-39
Luke 9:23-26	Romans 12:1

### RESOURCES

Read this [article](#) from Got Questions titled "How can I have a relationship with Jesus?"

Watch this [video](#) from Desiring God titled "Love Jesus More Than You Love Anything."

### GRACE EVENTS

<https://www.gracefellowship.cc/events/>

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Introductory

1. What stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. Share when standing up for something you believed in created tension in a relationship. What made it difficult?  
OR
3. Share a situation when your emotions made a decision harder than it should have been?

### Scripture

4. Read Matthew 10:32-39. What does Jesus say about acknowledging or disowning him publicly? (*Leaders: be sure to clarify what "acknowledging" is. Galatians 2:20 helps identify with this!*)
5. What does it mean in today's society to acknowledge Jesus or disown him?
6. How do these verses either challenge or comfort you?
7. What does Jesus mean by "taking up your cross" in this context? (*Leaders: Luke 9:23-26 helps with this.*)

### Application

8. Why is it tempting to reshape Jesus into someone who fits our preferences?
9. Why are family relationships so uniquely difficult in this area? (*check out the Jesus-centered Living [podcast](#) related to this.*)
10. How do you respond when a loved one's desires conflict with God's Word without losing your influence in their life?
11. Is there an area where you've been prioritizing a relationship over obedience to Jesus? Where might you be softening or reshaping Jesus to avoid conflict?