



GRACE GROUP LEADER'S MESSAGE GUIDE

(Week of April 26th)

NOT MY JESUS - LOVE AND OBEDIENCE

LAST WEEK'S ACTION STEP

Memorize Romans 8:1 and journal through Romans 8.

ICEBREAKER

What's something you've been putting off that would take less than an hour to do?
P.S. you should do that thing!

BOTTOM LINE

To love Jesus is to obey Jesus.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

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

RESOURCES

Read this [article](#) from Franklin Graham titled "Obeying God's Commandments."

Watch this short [video](#) from John Piper titled "The Commandments of God are Good for Us."

GRACE EVENTS

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Introductory

1. What stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. What's something you *love* doing, but still find hard to stay consistent with?
3. Who is someone you respect deeply? How does that respect show up in your actions toward them?

Scripture

4. Read 1 John 2:3-6. How does this view of love contradict or align with what culture would say about love?
5. Verse 5 says "*but if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them.*" How has obeying God strengthened your relationship with Him?
6. Read John 14:15. What are some commands of Jesus that are commonly overlooked by those who claim to love Him? Why those?

Application

7. To love Jesus is to obey Jesus. What makes this statement uncomfortable? What makes it freeing?
8. Where is the line between struggling with obedience and outright disregarding Jesus? How can you tell the difference in your own life?
9. In what areas in your life is loyalty to Jesus hardest right now?
10. How can we help each other pursue obedience in a way that encourages growth, without becoming judgmental or legalistic?