

THE COMMONS LEADER GUIDE

April 12th (Week 1)

NOT MY JESUS - Above All Others

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1

MESSAGE SCRIPTURES

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

BOTTOM LINE

Your relationship to Jesus is the relationship that always wins.

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.”

EVENTS

Next Gathering - May 5th

SUMMER NIGHTS - Starting June 2nd

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

INTRODUCTORY

1. What stuck with you most from the message this weekend? Why that part?
2. Have you ever had to stand your ground on something you believe, and it created tension with someone? What made that hard?
OR
3. Can you think of a time your emotions made a situation more complicated than it needed to be? What happened?

SCRIPTURE

1. Read Matthew 10:32-39. What do you think it actually looks like to “acknowledge” Jesus in everyday life—not just in church? (Leaders: be sure to clarify what “acknowledging” is. Galatians 2:20 helps identify this!)
2. Where do you feel pressure (friends, family, work, social media) to stay quiet about your faith or keep it low-key?
3. Which part of this passage challenges you the most? Which part encourages you? Why?
4. What does Jesus mean by “taking up your cross” in this context? (Leaders: Luke 9:23-26 helps with this.)

APPLICATION

1. Why is it so easy to shape Jesus into someone who fits our lifestyle instead of actually following who He is?
2. Why do you think following Jesus can get especially complicated in family or close relationships?
3. When someone you care about disagrees with your faith or values, how do you usually respond? What’s hard about handling that well?
4. Be honest—where are you most tempted to prioritize keeping the peace over being obedient to Jesus?
5. How does a message like this prepare you to be the kind of parent God calls you to be?

