

CrossPoint Community Guide
October 19—Sermon on the Mount | The “J” Word

DINNER & DELIGHT (» 45 MIN)

How did it go with last week’s practice (getting to know Jesus and asking the Spirit to reveal bad fruit in your life)?

LEARN AND STUDY (» 15 MIN)

Study/Observation Questions. Read Matthew 7v21-23 and Rom 10v9-10.

- What stands out most to you in Jesus’ words? Which phrase is most surprising or challenging?
- Jesus says, “*Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven.*” What is this distinction between *confession of faith* and *obedience*?

PRACTICE AND IMPLEMENT (» 45 MIN) (you will need paper and pen during this time)

Practice now:

- Jesus longs for relationship, not religious success.
 - What is one area of your life that you say “Lord, Lord,” but have yet to submit your will to his?
 - What’s one way that you can deepen your personal relationship with Jesus this week (i.e. listening prayer, simple obedience, surrendering control)?
- Spend 5 minutes answering these questions (write down your answers):
 - What do I love most about Jesus?
 - Jesus, what do you love most about me?
- What was easy or challenging about answering these questions?
- Have the group affirm each person by naming what they believe Jesus delights in about them.
Optional: Have people write down words that are encouraging to them so they can remember them later.

Practice this week:

- Put into practice how you want to deepen your relationship with Jesus this week.
- As you spend daily time with Jesus this week, invite him to open your eyes to areas of your life that are not in alignment with the Father’s will.
 - Practice confession of the things that come to mind.
 - Take steps toward obedience in that area.
 - Pray “Jesus, I want you to really know me.”

REFLECT & PRAY (» 15min)

- As you reflect on the evening, get into groups of 2-3 or stay in a large group.
 - Pray for each person regarding what they shared earlier in the evening.
 - Pray a blessing over them.
- Pray together as you reconvene, “Jesus, I want you to really know me. Help us live in relational obedience with you.”