

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What did you do for Christmas?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. According to Luke 10:25-27, what must you do to go to heaven? Compare this verse with John 14:15. How does God know that you love Him?
3. Pastor Ruben said, "Your perception of God determines your obedience to God." How do you see God?
 - a. According to Hosea 2:13-16, how did the Israelites view God?
 - b. How did their view affect their obedience to God?
 - c. How does your view of God determine your motivation to obey God?
4. Francis Chan said, "Lukewarm people don't really want to be saved from their sin; they want only to be saved from the penalty of their sin." What does a "Lukewarm" Christian look like?
5. The great trap of the devil is to convince you that your intentions are more important than your actions. As long as your intentions are good, it's good enough. God knows your heart and He's reasonable. Obedience to God does not include radical acts of faith that could affect your money, comfort or fears. Do you reason away your obedience to God?

6. Loving God is an internal choice. Please read the following verses and discuss each one. Take your time! (James 1:14-15; Romans 7:14-17; Ephesians 6:10-12; 2 Corinthians 10:5; and Job 31:1).

7. According to Ephesians 4:23-32, what is the relationship between God's Holy Spirit and our obedience? Compare with Ezekiel 36:24-28.

8. If you want to live a life of obedience to God, you must utterly rely on His Holy Spirit. It's impossible to live a life of faithfulness without His Holy Spirit empowering and enabling you.

9. According to Deuteronomy 28:1-14, what are the blessings of obedience?

10. Would you make it your goal to live a life of obedience to God in 2019?

11. See you next week at church!

Application

Below are some of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- John 14:15 (NIV) "If you love me, keep my commands."
- Your perception of God determines your obedience to God.
- Without a relationship with God, His commandments are a bunch of laws. They are empty.
- Ask yourself, "Am I going to strive to live a life of full obedience before God?" Partial obedience is disobedience in disguise.
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