Why Do You Call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ And Not Do What I Tell You?

Group Questions - *Honest to God*
Luke 6:39-49

Welcome & Check-In

- Where did you see God at work in your life since we last met?
- Choose an ice-breaker question from the appendix.

FOLLOWING JESUS: Scripture & Reflection

- Read Luke 6:39-49 out loud as a group.
    - What words or phrases stand out to you?
    - What questions do you have?
- Jesus uses several pictures in this passage: a blind guide, a speck and a log, a tree and its fruit, and two houses. What do these pictures have in common? What is Jesus trying to help his disciples see?
- In verse 40, Jesus says that a fully trained disciple will become like their teacher. How does that statement shape the way we understand what it means to follow Jesus? Do you think that’s possible?
- Why do you think it's often easier to recognize someone else's shortcomings than our own? (vv. 41-42) What does Jesus say we should do before trying to help someone else?
- Jesus says a tree is known by its fruit (vv. 43-45). What is the relationship between our hearts and our actions? Why isn't simply trying harder to change our behavior enough?
- In verse 46, Jesus asks, “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?” What is the disconnect Jesus is confronting? Why is calling him Lord not the same as living under his lordship?
- According to verses 47-49, what is the difference between the two builders? What does that teach us about the relationship between hearing Jesus' words and putting them into practice?

IN COMMUNITY: Sharing & Support

- Why do you think we sometimes hold ourselves to a different standard than we hold other people?
- What makes it difficult to be honest about our shortcomings, even with people we trust?
- Do you believe that it’s possible for you to become like Jesus (v. 40)? If not, why not? If so, what type of feelings does that stir in you?
- Ryan shared a moment this week when he blew it and walked us through coming, hearing, and doing what Jesus says. Can you think of a recent moment when you fell short? What might it look like to trust and obey Jesus in that situation?
- What helps you move forward in your relationship with Jesus when you've fallen short, rather than getting stuck in guilt or shame?

- Where have you seen growth in your life over the past year that encourages you? How has Jesus been shaping you?

ON MISSION: Next Steps

- What do you think people who don't follow Jesus find most compelling about Christians who genuinely live out their faith?
- What is one way you could say “yes” to Jesus this week that would bless someone outside your usual circle?

Core 4 questions:

- **What is Jesus saying to you?**
- How do you feel about what he is saying?
- What are you going to do in response?
- Who will you share this with?

- Revisit and add to your prayer list, then pray for one another.