

Series: Upgrade

Message: Bigger Lord or Lord of All?

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What does Lord mean? Matthew 16:13-18

### Who should be Lord of you life? You or Jesus?

Other types of lords:

Money, Popularity, Power, Control, Entertainment, Success

You are too little to be lord. James 4:14

How to make Jesus Lord. Romans 10:9-15

Confess, Believe,

What we always say and do is what we believe.

Savior—Salvation costs us nothing. Ephesians 2:8

Lord—discipleship costs us everything. Matthew 16:24

### When Jesus is Lord. He calls the shots.

- Confidence in the direction of my life. Joshua 1:9
- Guaranteed strength for the day. Matthew 6
- All my needs will be met. Matthew 6
- Peace in my eternal future. John 14:1-7

## Food for thought

For the week of July 27, 2014

Turn a message into a conversation. Consider joining with a friend to review the message and dig deeper into God's word through the following questions.

Why is confessing Jesus as Lord the foundation of the Christian faith?

How is Jesus Lord of your life? Are there areas where you are still trying to be lord?

How is faith in Jesus and obedience to Him part of what it means to make Him Lord?

The phrase "believe in your heart" refers to *genuine faith*, an absolute trust that God made salvation possible and available to all when He raised Jesus from the dead.

Saving faith focuses solely on Jesus the risen Lord. Our *commitment* is in our heart, and our *confession* is outward or external, telling others what is happening in our heart. The commitment, or belief, and confession go together.

Look again at verse 14. How does this verse help you better understand the importance of having conversations about Jesus?

In Romans 10:14, Paul shared how God saves people. It is not through just seeing His handiwork in creation (see Romans 1:20).

It is not through our own works (see Romans 9:32).

Instead, it is through the sharing of the gospel.

If you are being totally honest, what lords are competing with Jesus as Lord in your life right now?

In what areas of your life can you make a conscious effort to let Jesus call the shots this week?

Is there anything you say you believe, but aren't actually doing?  
Can you change that this week?