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1. Share about a time you (or someone you know) treated Jesus like your Savior but not like your Lord.

What is the difference?

2. What stuck out to you from the sermon this week? Explain.

Sacrifice

3. Read Mark 12:30. What does this verse actually mean?

How do you live it out?

4. Read 1 John 4:9-10. What did Jesus do when He took up His cross?

How did Jesus' act show love?

5. What does it mean to take up your cross (Luke 9:23, above)?

How is taking up our cross a sacrifice?

Why is Jesus' call to serve and sacrifice so difficult or even offensive?

6. Read Exodus 34:26, Proverbs 3:9, Deuteronomy 17:1, and

Malachi 1:8. What kind of sacrifice is proper?

Do you give God your best, your first? How?

What does this have to do with Mark 12:30?

- 7. Read Psalm 51:16-17 and 141:2, Proverbs 21:3, and Hebrews 13:15-16. What are the sacrifices God desires?
- 8. What area of your life do you need to submit to Jesus? Or, in what way do you still need to take up your cross?
- 9. What has this study taught you about sacrifice?

10. Why does it matter?

TAKEAWAY: Who do you say Jesus is?