



## COMING TO TERMS | WEEK 2

Jesus has become many things to many people. For God and Jesus, himself, he is first and foremost LORD. The problem is, in our modern world, we don't relate much to having a Lord of our life or someone other than ourselves being the primary influence and decision-maker. We love independence. So... is Jesus and God and what they want and require simply incompatible with our lifestyles? For others, they are simply just trying to learn about who Jesus really is.

### CONNECT

**What does it look like if Jesus is your Lord?**

**What does it look like if Jesus is just a part of your life (Not the north star but the overall direction/focus)?**

### TALK ABOUT IT

Let's begin by asking a foundational question about Jesus and us. There are questions about who Jesus is, but there are also questions about who *we* are or who we are *supposed* to be.

**Do we NEED Jesus? Why?** (You may be tempted to think, "Dumb question Tim. Of course we do." Yeah, OK... then why do we so often *fit* Jesus in? Is Jesus like water (we would die without it) or is Jesus like exercise (we need it but we'll live a decently long life without it)?

### Read Matthew 9:9-13

**Why has the word SIN become invisible in our modern culture?**

**Why is it demeaning to God and damaging to us to see our sins as mistakes?**

**Why has our culture watered down sin and repackaged it?**

## APPLY IT

**Talk about the relationship between sin and restoration.**

Something as radical as Jesus sacrificing himself on the cross should open our hearts and eyes to how devastating sin is and how seriously we should take it. Sin is serious! It is ugly! It is deadly! It is not simply a mistake.

### Read John 3:17

**As terrible as sin is, how does it make forgiveness (restoration) so much sweeter?**

## PRAY

It's the end of the discussion time, and you are likely feeling rushed to let everyone go. Maybe it went longer than you planned. Maybe the kids are past restless. **HOLD ON!** Don't overlook this crucial part of living life together. We get closer to people the more we know who they really are and what they are dealing with.

- Pray together before you go home.
- Take requests, email them to the group, ask them to pray this week.