

# HOME GROUP

## Leader Guide



### OBJECTIONS

ONE WAY

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## **SHARE THE VISION (<10 minutes)**

As you start your group time, please be sure to discuss the following important topics listed below. This is key to keeping OneLifers informed.

### **NIGHT OF WORSHIP**

If you like Sunday morning worship at OneLife then you'll love our night of worship coming up on Wednesday night, October 21 at 6:30pm. Both campuses will join together at our Powell campus, sing songs, take communion, and hear a great message from Pastor Rodney. You don't want to miss it!

### **IT'S FOOTBALL TIME...**

Join your OneLife family on the campus of the University of Tennessee, November 14<sup>th</sup> for some pre-game tailgating; then, come sit with your OneLife family and watch the Vols beat North Texas. Get your tickets at [www.onelifeknox.com/football](http://www.onelifeknox.com/football).

## **KEY SCRIPTURES FOR THE WEEK:**

### **JOHN 14:6 (NLT)**

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me"

### **JOHN 10:30-33 (NLT)**

<sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one." <sup>31</sup> Once again the people picked up stones to kill him. <sup>32</sup> Jesus said, "At my Father's direction I have done many good works. For which one are you going to stone me?" <sup>33</sup> They replied, "We're stoning you not for any good work, but for blasphemy! You, a mere man, claim to be God."

### **JOHN 18:38 (NLT)**

<sup>38</sup> "What is truth?" Pilate asked. Then he went out again to the people and told them, "He is not guilty of any crime."

### **MATTHEW 27:54 (NLT)**

54 The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened. They said, "This man truly was the Son of God!"

### **MARK 6:2 (NLT)**

<sup>2</sup> The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?"

### **ACTS 3:15 (NLT)**

<sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. And we are witnesses of this fact!

### **JOHN 8:46 (NLT)**

<sup>46</sup> Which of you can truthfully accuse me of sin? And since I am telling you the truth, why don't you believe me?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM HANDOUT (35 Minutes)

### KEY POINTS:

**Bottom Line: My objection to Jesus dies when I understand who He really is.**

1. Test the claims of Jesus.
2. Test the credibility of Jesus.
  - Examine what people said
  - Examine what Jesus did.
  - Examine what God did (resurrection).
3. Test the character of Jesus.

Three Options for Jesus: He's either a liar, a lunatic or LORD!

- 1. Has anyone ever accused you of being narrow minded about something? Has anyone ever accused you of being narrow minded in your spiritual beliefs? How did you respond? What are some reasons people have for believing that Jesus is NOT the only way to God (think about people you know, but also cultural examples: movies, politics, etc.)?**

This is the objection that people commonly have against Christianity and/or the church. Listen carefully as your group discusses today's objection as some may currently hold this objection or have wrestled with this in the past. If that's the case, we're glad they are with you in your group! Please keep the discussion open to them by actively listening to them and asking lots of follow up questions! Also, please find an opportunity to share how you've dealt with this objection before, or the reason that you believe that Jesus is the only way to God!

- 2. Why do people today object to Jesus being Lord? How would you share Jesus with someone who struggles with believing Jesus is the only way to God? What misunderstandings might they have about the gospel? About who Jesus *really* is?**

This question centers around the idea of Jesus being in charge (being LORD) of our lives! Most people don't mind the fact that Jesus existed, was a miracle worker and the best teacher on the planet... Our objection comes when we have to surrender our lives (our hopes, dreams, supply, etc) to Him. Even when people object to Jesus being the only way to God, their objection centers around the fact that they would have to surrender their lives to have relationship with God. See if you can ask follow up questions to steer the conversation in this direction!

- 3. Read Philippians 2:5-9. Who and where was Christ before he became a man? How did Jesus limit himself? For what purpose did He come? In the end, who will bow their knee and confess that He is Lord? What difference does it make to you to know Jesus in this way?**

This is a simple question to answer with your group because most of the answers to these questions are right in the text! So, let the group spend some time looking over this text and fishing for the answers... It ends with an opinion question about knowing that Jesus left heaven, limited his own power (the fact that He was fully God) so that he could become like a man!

- 4. What are examples of other things that become “Lord” in peoples’ lives, other than Jesus (jobs, social status, wealth, etc.)? How do these examples offer some of the same things Jesus does? How does your life look different than before now that Jesus is your Lord? How will you demonstrate with your life that Jesus is the only way to the Father?**

Think about this for a moment: can money buy happiness? You’re trained to say “no, it cannot buy happiness.” However, if you were handed a gift of a million dollars, or someone were to take you out to eat for the finest stake dinner, are you going to be happy? Of course!

Our money, our influence at our job, our social status, etc. offer us a chance to be comfortable, liked by others, worry-free, feel joyful, etc. However, the problem is, God offers us all of that (and more) when we give our lives to him; but we have other Lords that are providing the comfort, happiness, supplying our needs and captivating us. So, a good discussion about this concept could lead us to see the difference and understand the need to let Jesus be the Lord of our lives!

So, just like in the sermon, who do YOU say that Jesus is? Not with your lips; but, with your life?

**END YOUR TIME PRAYING TOGETHER (10 Minutes)**