

LORDSHIP 01

Introduction

In Chi Alpha, we speak often of fundamentals. We believe a Christian's outward life is a direct result of the way he or she thinks. The main issues center around the internal parts of our lives, and the external is always a result of the internal. Therefore, we are very concerned with the ideas we embrace as Christians.

The following talk will deal with a very fundamental principal of Christianity – selflessness. Understanding this concept is absolutely necessary to living the true Christian life. It is the difference between being in Christendom (as the religion man has created, based on his own ideas), and being “in Christ” (or the true faith that is revealed by God.)

Most of Christendom is a religion of selfishness, which is absolutely opposed to the teachings of scripture. The true Christian is a man or woman who is dead to self and alive to Christ. This study will pursue these principles.

Timeline:

- **1 Week Out-** Start by asking the small group members to read Total Commitment to Christ by A.W. Tozer the week before (either hand it out in the previous small group meeting, or email it to them.)
- **3 Days Out-** You should read “Total Commitment to Christ”.
- **2 Days Out-** You should read “Lordship”.
- **1 Day Out-** You should read “Free as a Slave” by Pratney.
- **The Day Of-** You should study the Lordship Discussion Notes and the handout so that you will be ready to teach in the small group meeting. (Or, if you prefer, there is also a lecture style leaders notes and handout.)

Resources:

Websites:

Lions Den **agapeforce.org**
Ministry of Helps **moh.org**

Books:

The Pursuit of God by A.W. Tozer
True Spirituality by Francis Schaeffer
The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Knowing God by J.I. Packer
The Nature and Character of God by Winkie Pratney