

# Life Church Message 2011-10-16 - Does Jesus Know You?

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- **Introduction**

- **Bible Reading:**

- OT Timeline:
- OT Contemporary Books:

- **New Material**
  - **Preparation**
    - **Expository Preaching**
      - Expository preaching is the communication of a biblical concept, derived from and transmitted through a historical, grammatical, and literary study of a passage in its context, which the Holy Spirit first applies to the personality and experience of the preacher, then through the preacher, applies to the hearers.
  - **Select the Passage**
  - **Study the Passage**
    - NIV
    - Hebrew Study Bible
    - KJV
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    - RSV
  - **Discover the Exegetical Idea**
    - Subject
      - Tools: How, Who, What, When, Where, Why
    - Complement
  - **Analyze the Exegetical Idea**
    - Explain It: What does this mean?
    - Prove It: Is it True? Do I believe it?
    - Apply It: What difference does it make? So What?
  - **Formulate the Homiletical Idea**
  - **Determine the Purpose of the Sermon**
  - **Decide How to Accomplish This Purpose**
    - Make it plain
      - Use accessible language and modern parables.
      - Make sure people do something with God's message.
    - Keep it simple.
    - Use illustrations of truth out of my own experience.
    - Impart faith to obey the Word and receive God's promises.
  - **Outline the Sermon**
- **New Message**

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How do wise and foolish people respond to the requirements for entering the kingdom of heaven?

- Complement
  - Wise people last all the way to the end by putting Jesus' words into practice; foolish people don't put his words into practice and don't last.
- Complete Exegetical Idea
- Matthew 7:28-29
- **Analyze the Exegetical Idea - Matthew 7:21-23**
  - Explain It: What does this mean?
    - It's not enough to call Jesus "Lord". We must do the Father's will. This means that we must actually treat Jesus as Lord.
    - Some people trust in their spiritual accomplishments but are never actually known by Jesus. They won't make it into the Kingdom.
    - The word "Therefore" linking the two passages means that the second paragraph explains how we should deal with the implications of the first one.
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  - Welcome to another service at the Hampton Inn & Suites.
  - Welcome Cards -
    - “I want to call your attention to the Welcome Card that you were given on your way into the auditorium”
    - These cards do two things for us:
      - They help us get to know our new visitors better.

- They also give anyone (visitors or members) a chance to express a need or to give us feedback.
- By filling it out you will help us to better serve you.
- We're going to provide time for you to complete the cards at the end of our service, but we encourage you to start filling them out now.
- **Please use this card:**
  - if you're a **first time visitor** or if you've **never** filled one out before,
  - to tell us about a **decision you made** today,
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**Please include your contact information** unless we already have it. At the **end of service** we'll ask you to complete the card and then place it in the designated box or give it to someone from our staff on your way out.

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- **Conclusion**

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- **Altar Call / Welcome Cards / Communion ?**

- Welcome Cards - refer to script
- We're almost ready to close this portion of our service, but first we want to give you a chance to respond to what you've heard.
- Earlier in the service we mentioned the welcome cards and we encouraged you to begin filling them out.
- Right now we want you to complete your welcome card. We especially want you to use this card if:
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- **MC & Worship Team continue with tithes, offerings, and worship**

- **Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26**

““The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.””

- **Men's Prayer**

- **Life Group Material**

- **Life Group Word Material**

These are sample discussion questions / topics. Your life group leaders may choose to adjust these questions, substitute new ones, or spend the Word section of the meeting in a different way altogether.

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- **Discussion Questions / Topics:**

- Have you known people who called Jesus "Lord" but who didn't make the Father's will a priority?

- Have you had any experience with people prophesying, casting demons out of others, or performing miracles? What does the exercise of these spiritual gifts tell you about the person who exercises the gifts?
- Do Jesus' words "I never knew you" surprise you? Why or why not?

- **Scriptures For 10/16/2011 Life Church Sermon**

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### **John 12:37-43**

Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: “Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere: “He has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn — and I would heal them.” Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about him.

Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.

### **Luke 19:11-27**

While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. He said: “A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. ‘Put this money to work,’ he said, ‘until I come back.’

“But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, ‘We don’t want this man to be our king.’

“He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it.

“The first one came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned ten more.’

“‘Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied. ‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.’

“The second came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned five more.’

“His master answered, ‘You take charge of five cities.’

“Then another servant came and said, ‘Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.’

“His master replied, ‘I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? Why then didn’t you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?’

“Then he said to those standing by, ‘Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.’

“‘Sir,’ they said, ‘he already has ten!’

“He replied, ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away. But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them — bring them here and kill them in front of me.’”