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His Life, My Life *A Study on the Lordship of Christ*

A Guide for Parents

Use the following information and questions to reinforce the truths of this month of Bible study at home. Use one or two of the discussion starters to begin a conversation. Look for teachable moments—at home, in the car, or at a game. Pray and ask God to provide you opportunities to have spiritual conversations with your teenager(s).

Session 1 (Sunday, March 4, 2012) **A Transformed Life** **Colossians 1:1-14**

THE QUESTION

How does a relationship with Jesus affect me?

THE POINT

A relationship with Jesus transforms your life.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- > When you hear the word transformation, what do you think?
- > In what ways does Jesus fill you with faith, hope, and love?
- > What has Jesus taught you about how to live?
- > What differences are there in how a Christian should live compared to those who are not Christians?
- > How do people around you see the difference Christ makes in your life?
- > How does God strengthen you each day?
- > What are some things you can do to gain more strength from Him?
- > What does it mean to be rescued? How did Jesus rescue you?

Session 2 (Sunday, March 11, 2012) **A Focused Life** **Colossians 2:1-15**

THE QUESTION

Why should I focus on Christ?

THE POINT

Your hope is found in Him.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- > What are the benefits of focusing on your schoolwork?
- > What benefits come from focusing on Christ?
- > What does it mean to grow in Christ?
- > Why can truth only be found in Christ?
- > In what ways does the world define truth?
- > In what ways are you taken captive by those definitions of truth?
- > What does baptism symbolize?
- > How would you explain your new life in Christ to someone?

Session 3 (Sunday, March 18, 2012)

A Radical Life

Colossians 3:1-11

THE QUESTION

How do I reflect Christ's lordship in my life?

THE POINT

Jesus' lordship leads to a radically different lifestyle.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- > What are some things you tend to think about during the day?
- > What does it mean to "set your mind on what is above"?
- > In what ways has the way you think changed since you became a Christian?
- > What habits or sinful practices were the hardest for you to stop when you became a Christian?
- > Why is it important to do away with sinful habits?
- > Paul tells us to put on the new self. How do you accomplish that each day?
- > How are you living each day as a new person in Christ?

Session 4 (Sunday, March 25, 2012)

A Purposeful Life

Colossians 4:2-6

THE QUESTION

How can I share Christ with others?

THE POINT

Make the most of your opportunities.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- > How often would you say you share about Christ with others?
- > What keeps you from sharing about Christ more often?
- > Do you pray for opportunities to share? Why or why not?
- > Why is it important for a believer to pray for opportunities to share?
- > What are some ways you can live as a witness each day for Christ?
- > If your friends were to judge you solely based on your language, what kind of a rating would they give you as a Christian?
- > Why is it important to watch what we say as believers?

From Living with Teenagers

Lord of the Manor

The word submit does conjure up images of doormats, of being run over, of second-class citizens, and of surrender. So, we don't like it. Yet the apostle Paul commanded it: "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ" (Eph. 5:21 NIV).

In reality, submit simply means "to line up under." In a spiritual context, God's people should fall under the lordship of Christ, and we display that allegiance by submitting to one another. And mutual compliance is not just for a wife to a husband. It's a matter for everyone in the family.

This is a preview of the full article available in the March 2012 issue of *Living with Teenagers* magazine.

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