

Discussion Questions: Faith Is Allegiance

DCC June 22, 2025

1. **Read Romans 10:9 aloud.** What does it mean to say “Jesus is Lord” in Paul’s context? How does understanding this as a political and royal declaration change the way we understand Christian faith?
2. Matthew Bates defines biblical faith as “active loyalty to Jesus.” In what ways is this different from how faith is often taught or understood today?
3. **Revisit James 2:14–17.** James says that faith without deeds is dead. How do you see this principle playing out in your own life, or in modern Christian culture?
4. James gives the example of helping someone in need (James 2:15–16). What might be some current, concrete ways our faith could “show up” in action like that?
5. **Compare Abraham and Rahab (James 2:21–25).** What do their stories teach us about the diversity of ways allegiance to God can be expressed?
6. In James, he writes: “Demons believe in God, and shudder.” How can we guard against a faith that has right knowledge but no allegiance?
7. **Read Matthew 7:21–23.** Why do you think Jesus is so stern with those who did powerful things in His name? What does this teach us about the difference between spiritual activity and obedient relationship?
8. The parable of the wise and foolish builders (Matthew 7:24–27) compares hearing and obeying Jesus to building on rock. What storms in life have revealed the strength, or weakness, of your spiritual foundation?
9. The sermon mentioned that “allegiance is tested not by our Sunday songs but by our Monday decisions.” What is one area in your everyday life where your loyalty to Jesus is most tested?
10. What specific act of allegiance could you take this week, something that puts Jesus’ kingship into practice? (Examples: forgiving someone, stepping into a new ministry, resisting a temptation, or obeying a hard teaching.)