



## *“Love and Obedience”*

### **Opening Discussion:**

What does Christian love and obedience look like practically in your life?

### **Small Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Read John 14: John the Apostle makes it a point to his audience that the clear teaching of Jesus to anyone who would be a disciple is that love and obedience go hand-in-hand. Between his gospel account and his two epistles, obedience as a sign of our love for Christ is repeatedly taught. What is the significance of this teaching? What does this look like in the life of a disciple of Christ today?
2. In the lesson, the distinction between living under a democracy and living under a monarchy were discussed. How does this impact how you live?
3. Do you feel that your earthly view of authority effects your spiritual view of authority? Do you feel you have a healthy respect for authority? If so, how does it manifest itself in your life? If not, what would be your prayer to address it?
4. Jesus embodies for us the perfect example of one who submits to and obeys authority, and also what pure selfless love looks like. What examples from his teaching and life can you think of where you see this lived out? (You don't have to stray from John's gospel account for answers)
5. What area of your life, or what specific situation do you feel you need to be obedient to Christ in, thus showing your love to him?

### **Prayer Time:**

“Oh Lord God, my King, I commit to live under your kingship, grateful for the privilege of obeying your commands. May my love for others be evident in how I live. Thank you for your Spirit that indwells me and gives me the ability to obey and to love. And now may I be sent out as an ambassador for Christ. Make your appeal through me to the world to be reconciled to you my rock and my redeemer. Amen.”