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# How to Have an Awesome Life - Living Under Christs Lordship

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## Breakaway Camp Bible Studies

### *Breakaway Kids Camps*

Our mission is to provide a fun environment where relationships are built and the gospel is shared so that lives are changed eternally.

Breakaway Kids Camps are Interdenominational Christian Holiday Camps for Kids located 2 hours south of Sydney, NSW. Australia.

The camps are held at Fitzroy Falls Conference Centre - 71 Ryans Lane Fitzroy Falls, NSW Australia, during the January School Holidays. There is a Junior Camp for Primary Schoolers (Years 3-6) and a Senior Camp for High Schoolers (Years 7-12). There are also Summer and Winter Camps for Underprivileged Children. We aim to provide opportunities for young people to develop mentally, physically, socially and spiritually in a healthy natural environment.

The camp team consist of Christian men and women who relate well to young people and who care for their well-being. They give their time on a voluntary basis

### *Introduction*

Welcome to the Breakaway Kids Camps Bible Study - How To Have An Awesome Life - Day 3 - Living Under Christs Lordship.

Have you noticed how eager kids are to see how quickly they are growing up? They don't want to remain children their whole lives. They want to grow up to full maturity like their parents. With the gift of life a kid needs the right food, the right care, the right discipline, the right education, and the right exercise in order to grow. Without these, kids cannot grow up healthy and strong.

Before you can begin to experience an awesome life and be the person you were meant to be, you must accept and develop your spiritual life. You must be born again by the Holy Spirit. To lead an amazing life, you need the spiritual food of the Bible. You also need prayer and Christian fellowship. Further, you need to develop your abilities to do the work of God through Christian service.

Enjoy,

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## How to Have an Awesome Life - Living Under Christs Lordship

Living under Christs Lordship brings us to the central meaning of a truly awesome life. To be a true disciple of Jesus Christ we must allow His rule to reign over more and more of our lives each day. We must allow Christ to be master over our personal life, our family lives, our career and every other part of our lives. For this to happen, we must submit daily to the authority of His word, live in daily obedience to His will and allow the Holy Spirit to work in and through our lives as He pleases.

My experience is that too few Christians seem to really know Christ as Lord. They know Him as Saviour, but not as King. They know Christ is resident, but not President. We should give Christ the same place in our hearts that He holds in the universe.

### *Jesus is Lord Anyway!*

Christ is Lord whether people recognise it or not. He is Lord of the universe (Matthew 28:18). He is Lord over all life (Romans 14:9). He is Lord over all political authorities. He is Lord over the forces of nature. He is Lord over all history. He is Lord over all nations and peoples. That's a fact no-one can change. Without His Lordship over the universe, there would soon be destruction, chaos and death. Nothing could hold together for one moment without Him (Acts 17:28; Hebrews 1:3)

Yet so few people in the world seem to realise this truth. They do not recognise Christ's Lordship and they do not submit to God's laws. But a day is coming when *"every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."* (Philippians 2:10,11) There will be no choice on that Day. Everybody will acknowledge Jesus without exception. For those who have already acknowledged Christs Lordship, this Day will mean salvation (Romans 10:9). For others, it will mean judgement.

### *Jesus wants to be Lord over Every Life*

The truth is that while Jesus wants us to freely acknowledge His Lordship, he does not force us to do this. He has given each of us free-will to live our lives and make our decisions as we please. And so, as a Christian, I can live my life outside of His Lordship if I want to. I can lock him out of my personal life, my family life, my business life or any other part of my life. Maybe all we are willing to give Him is two hours each Sunday, grace before meals and an hour at Bible study each Wednesday. He will not force himself in but will patiently call, wait and knock (Revelation 3:20) until he is no longer a visitor but at home in all aspects of our lives.

It is amazing to think that the living Lord of the universe wants to get involved in our lives. He wants to bring the blessings and benefits of his heavenly kingdom to us today. But that can only happen when we meet the conditions of discipleship and willingly submit to His Lordship. In all Christians, Christ is present; in some Christians Christ is prominent (has an important part); but only in a few Christians is Christ pre-eminent (over all). Which of these three is true of you?

## Discuss

1. What does Christs Lordship mean according to these passages?

- Matthew 28:18
- John 1:2-4
- Romans 14:9
- Colossians 1:16-18
- Luke 6:46
- Romans 6:22
- 1 Corinthians 6:19,20

2. Why do so many people fail to recognise Christs Lordship?

- Romans 8:5-8
- 2 Corinthians 4:4

3. The Bible often talks about "The Day" of the Lord. What is going to happen on "the Day?" (see Philipians 2:9-11)

4. Why do you think Jesus wants to be Lord over your life now? What is His purpose in this?

- Matthew 11:28,29
- Mark 1:17
- Romans 8:29,30



5. Think of the following areas in your life. If you think Jesus is at home, put a tick. If there are areas where he has part control only, put a squiggle. If there are areas of little or no influence, put a cross.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	TV / Movies	<input type="checkbox"/>	Possessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Home-Life
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use of Money	<input type="checkbox"/>	Friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attitudes to others
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leisure Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education / Study	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decisions / Plans
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Daily Work	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use of Time / Talents
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Networking (Facebook)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sporting Life	<input type="checkbox"/>	Church Ministry

6. What do you think Jesus might be saying to you about the place you have given Him in your life at present?