

**Gospel of Matthew “Lord, Lord Didn’t We”**  
**Matthew 7:21-23**  
**October 2, 2022**

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“One that day.”

“Lord, Lord”

The danger of confessions that involve our lips and not our lives.

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“We have become preoccupied today with the extraordinary, sporadic, non-universal ministries of the Spirit to the neglect of the ordinary, general gifts. We show a great deal of interest in healing and tongues - gifts of which Paul pointed out, not all Christians are meant to partake - than the Spirit’s ordinary work of giving peace, joy, hope, and love.” - J.I. Packer “Knowing God”

Great preaching and great effects are not infallible.

*What is Jesus looking for from us?*

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Jesus exposes a faith that denies the obligation to obedience, service, and sacrifice.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 (NIV)

We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Life is indivisible.

“I never knew you.”

Things get intimate when you are relying on the work on someone else.

### **Grow Group Discussion Questions**

- What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- Why do you think these verses provoke concern and fear in Christians?
- Jesus highlights sound doctrinal and spiritual expression. How are both of these great markers of a changed life but not always evidence of real faith?
- Discuss the idea that by and large, Jesus gives us simple expressions of faith rather than the sensational and sporadic.
- Which one, doctrine or spiritual experiences, do you tend to seek to validate and strengthen your faith? When can Bible study and spiritual experiences miss what is most important?
- Jesus doesn't leave us worried regarding Christianity but clarifies that the real Christian is “the one who does the will of the Father?” How does this clarify but also challenge? What does this mean to you?
- Take a few minutes and share with your Grow Group an issue regarding God's will that you currently need help with?