

# 4 Attitudes: Obey

Do what pleases God



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## Group Discussion Flow

### connect with needs

- ▶ Find out how they are doing. Ask also how their **action to take** and **person to tell** went last week.
- ▶ Pray for wisdom from God for the session.
- ▶ Start by stating: *"When we love people, we try to find ways to please them."*  
Then, surface experiences:  
*"Let me tell you how I have experienced this."*  
*"Tell us how you have experienced this."*
- ▶ Transition to the Bible by saying, *"This is also true in a relationship with God."*

### hear what God says

- ▶ Read (or tell) a Bible story/passage related to the topic.  
Choices:  
**John 14:23–24**  
**Matthew 21:28–32 (story)**  
**Acts 5:27–33 (story)**  
Two of these passages may be enough to cover in one session.  
Commentary:  
**John 14:23–24** — Jesus connects loving Him with obeying what He teaches.  
**Matthew 21:28–32** — Jesus clarifies that obedience involves following through, not just saying "yes."  
**Acts 5:27–33** — The apostles show that they understand the importance of obeying God - even at considerable personal risk.

### apply that to life

- ▶ State the main lesson: *"Do what pleases God."* Have them write the **lesson learned** on their Mini-Journal card.
- ▶ Discuss:  
*Why don't we always choose to do what pleases God?*  
*What is one action you can take this week to begin to please God more?*
- ▶ Have them write down their specific **action to take**. Then in groups of two or three, have them share what action they plan to take. Finally, have them pray for one another.

### tell someone they know

- ▶ Ask whom they know who might be interested in hearing about what they are learning.
- ▶ Have them write the name after **person to tell**. Then, in groups of two or three, have them share whom they plan to tell. Finally, have them pray for one another.
- ▶ Encourage them to tell those people in the next few days.

### notes and preparation checklist

#### pray

- Pray for wisdom.
- Pray for group members.

#### connect

- Think of a good personal example to share.
- Decide when and how to transition from **connect** to **hear**.

### notes and preparation checklist

#### hear

Alternate questions to ask:

- John 14:23–24**  
*Why do you think that people will obey God if they really love Him?*  
Tie this to the **connect** discussion just completed.
- Matthew 21:28–32**
  1. *What seem to be the lessons of this parable?*
  2. *Give an example of a time when you promised someone (e.g. a parent or a good friend) that you would do*

### notes and preparation checklist

#### apply

- Decide when and how to transition from **hear** to **apply**.
- Be prepared to encourage people to a specific action step. Have an example in mind.
- Print [Obey Mini Journal](#).

### notes and preparation checklist

#### tell

- Encourage people to do this despite their natural tendency not to.
- Look for group members who **tell** easily. They may be good at leading their own group soon.