

STUDY GUIDE: “We Are Loyal”

(For use with sermon on September 16, 2018)

Discussion Starters

1. How much of your faith is based in “loyalty”?
2. What do you think loyalty is most often based in? (What leads to loyalty?)

Study

This study guide is designed to follow up the sermon “We Are Loyal” at NOCC on 9/16/18. If you weren’t in worship at NOCC that Sunday, listen to the sermon on nocc.org or the NOCC app.

3. Read the following passages and note what they say about loyalty to Jesus.

Matthew 10:32-39

1 Timothy 1:15-17

1 Timothy 6:12-16

Revelation 19:11-16

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

4. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage, and why you think this word was chosen.

--“confesses” (Matthew 10:32)

--“loves” (Matthew 10:37)

--“mercy” (1 Timothy 1:16)

--“King” (1 Timothy 1:17) (Beware: this isn’t as obvious as you may think)

--“Sovereign” (1 Timothy 6:15)

--“dominion” (1 Timothy 6:15)

5. What is “loyalty” with regard to Christian culture? (cite the Biblical passages you draw on)

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6. EXTRA CREDIT: What is loyalty to a "King" as opposed to loyalty to another person?

7. How does a Christian "love" Jesus? (Be specific, and cite the Biblical basis for your answer.)

8. How are "faith" and "loyalty" related? (Pay attention to the Biblical definition of "faith")

Taking It Home

9. Describe the King to whom you are loyal.

10. On what is our loyalty to Jesus based? How aware of this are you day to day?

11. How aware are you of your loyalty to Jesus on a minute by minute basis? Why is this?