CENTRAL	JOYRIDE: Finding Joy in Success
BIG IDEA	Life is about Jesus ONLY, not JESUS AND.
ice breaker	Think back to when you were a child. What was something you really wanted or "chased after" that, looking back now, seems insignificant? What made it seem so important at the time?
MAIN POINTS	<ul> <li>"Jesus And" demands perfection and strict adherence to rules</li> <li>"Jesus Only" requires accepting our imperfection and Christ's perfection</li> <li>Getting "over" the cross means accepting Christ's work for salvation</li> <li>Getting "under" the cross means living out our commitment daily</li> <li>True success is found in pursuing Christ rather than worldly accolades</li> <li>Move from compartmentalized faith to taking Jesus into every area of life: work, family, finances, relationships</li> </ul>
DISCUSS	<ol> <li>What most stood out to you from the message this weekend? Why?</li> <li>In what areas of your life do you find yourself slipping into a "Jesus And" mentality?</li> <li>Why do you think it's so tempting to try to earn God's approval through our actions?</li> <li>How has your understanding of "taking up your cross daily" evolved over time?</li> <li>What metrics of success do you struggle to let go of?</li> <li>How would your life look different if you measured success by your relationship with Jesus instead of worldly standards?</li> </ol>
NEXT STEP	What is one thing you are currently "chasing" that might be distracting you from pursuing Christ? How can you move more to "Jesus Only"?
SCRIPTURE	Luke 9:23 - Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.  Philippians 3:7-8 - But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them GARBAGE
NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEAK	Join us next week and invite a friend as we finish the series JOYRIDE!