

Discussion Guide

Series: *The Bible Recap, Wk7: Invitation to Surrender*

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Big Idea

Followers of Jesus are called to surrender God's will daily.



Icebreaker

If you were forced to "surrender control" of one everyday decision for a week (i.e. what to eat, what to watch, what to wear, or what route to drive), which would stress you out the most?



Discussion Questions

1. Read **Luke 22:39-46**. When you hear the word "surrender," what comes to mind, including what connotations the word carries with it? With that in mind, how would you say that Jesus redefines this word in our reading?
2. Re-read **Luke 22:42**. What do these words spoken by Jesus reveal about His humanity and His trust in the Father? Can you share a decision you have made in life where, before you did, you can say that you paused and asked "*Is this my will—or am I seeking God's will?*"? What is one current decision or unresolved situation you are facing that you could intentionally pray Jesus' words seen in this passage over every day this week? Will you take the challenge?
3. Re-read **Luke 22:39**. What here, regarding the frequency that Jesus went to the Mount of Olives, can act as both an encouragement and a challenge to us? Why do you think it is important to be consistent in prayer before a crisis comes? On a scale of 1-10, with 10 being you are "almost Jesus" when it comes to this intentionality, where are you when it comes to consistency in prayer? Would you be willing to try and physically kneel at least once this week when you pray, just as an outward posture of surrender, and report back to the group as to what this experience was like the next time you gather?
4. Re-read **Luke 22:43** and then jump ahead in Jesus' story and read **23:32-33 & 44-46**. God did not remove the suffering ahead of Jesus but sent an angel to strengthen Him. What does this teach us about how God responds to our prayers in difficult seasons? This coming week intentionally pray for God to strengthen you and make note of where you notice that He seems to be. Be prepared to share any testimony to that with the group next time.
5. Read **Luke 9:23**. We have bumped up against this verse a lot in this series/lately, or so it seems. That makes sense, as it is quite a capstone to much of Jesus' calling of us and modeling to us. Do you agree or disagree, and why? What are the top 2-3 areas of your life that you feel you do well at obeying this verse? What are the bottom 2-3 areas of your life where you would self-confess that you have significant room for growth? What would it look like to make progress, or grow, in this area (what specific surrender would it take?)?



Concluding Question

As we enter the Lenten season, it is great time to commit to new disciplines and just make different choices or decisions to surrender more. With that, what is the one thing the Lord is speaking to you that you need to take action on (start or stop)?



Prayer

Please pray for the Ash Wednesday Services that Revive Wesleyan will be offering (Bayview: 5:30 & 7pm and Springville 7pm); that they will be transformative in people's relationship with God thru Christ.