



JOURNEY GROUPS

SEPTEMBER 20 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

STUDY

Digging Deeper into Surrender:

1. **Have someone read Exodus 3:11; 4:10; and 4:13.** What common desires of our hearts conflict with God's will for us?
2. On Sunday, Robert defined surrender as the relinquishing or giving up of control to an authority greater than your own. What authorities do we have to surrender to in our daily life? **Have different people read these passages for biblical examples: Ephesians 6:1–3; Romans 13:1–7; Hebrews 13:17; Colossians 3:22–24; Ephesians 5:21–23.**
3. In what ways is it easier to surrender to God than to those authorities?
4. In what ways is it harder?
5. In what ways are Moses and Pharaoh good examples of surrender and non-surrender, respectively?
6. Matt and Robert highlighted 5 fruits of Moses' surrender. Growth, fulfilling God's plan for his life, peace, victory, and closeness. Which of the 5 fruits, as they discussed them, impacted you most?
7. Before we go too far into our study, which of the fruits above do you most hope to grow in this week?
8. Why is surrender the prerequisite to salvation and spiritual growth? **Have someone read Romans 10:9; Luke 9:23; and Romans 6:13.**
9. How would you describe Moses at the beginning of the story, when he is called to go to Egypt to contend for God's people? **If you have time, read through Exodus 3:7–4:20.**

10. God is intentional about everything, including his plans for each of us. How could living an un-surrendered life hinder your ability to do what God has called you to do? **Have someone read Ephesians 2:10.**
11. Peace is found when God is in control. In what ways have you seen that to be true?
12. Only God is powerful enough to always ensure victory. **Read Exodus 5:20–23.** How can that truth be challenging? **Read Exodus 14:14.** How can that be encouraging?
13. What role does pursuing comfort play in your struggle to surrender your life to God?
14. Matt said that the greatest fruit of surrender is the closeness that we can have with God. **Have someone read Exodus 33:7-11.** What do we learn about Moses' relationship with God in this passage?
15. What are the effects of our lack of surrender on our lives?
16. How can knowing these fruits (growth, fulfilling God's plan for his life, peace, victory, and closeness) turn surrender into a joyful act of worship instead of something we do begrudgingly?

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