

New Creation Church

Small Group Guide

Week of Sep 20, 2026

this is how we live | surrender

Key Takeaways

- Surrender is not defeat — it is the voluntary yielding of ourselves to the God who made us and knows us completely.
- We were made for God *and* made to worship Him. If we do not worship God, we will worship something else.
- Sin causes people to flee from God, just as Adam and Eve hid themselves in the garden. But God calls us out of darkness and into His marvelous light.
- Jesus paid the price of our redemption so that we could be brought back into fellowship with God.
- Giving God our "yes" is the most significant response we will ever make to anything.
- Surrender is not a one-time event. It is an ongoing practice of saying yes to God in every area of life.

Discussion Questions

1. When you hear the word "surrender," what is the first thing that comes to mind? Does it feel like weakness, freedom, or something else entirely?

Being Made for God

2. Colossians 1:16 tells us that all things were created through Christ and for Him. What difference does it make in your daily life to believe that you were made for God and not simply for your own purposes?

Running From God

3. Adam and Eve hid themselves from God after they sinned. In what ways do people today still hide from God — whether through busyness, shame, self-sufficiency, or something else?

Redemption and the Call to Follow

4. Colossians 1:13 describes God delivering us from the power of darkness and bringing us into the kingdom of His Son. What did it mean to you personally when you first understood that God had made a way for you to come to Him?
5. In Mark 1, Jesus simply said "Follow me" to His disciples, and they left everything to do so. What do you think made that invitation so compelling? What does following Jesus look like in a practical, everyday sense for you right now?

Jacob

6. Jacob received the blessing he had been chasing through manipulation only when he finally yielded. What does that tell us about the relationship between surrender and receiving what God has for us?

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Ongoing Surrender

7. In Luke 22:42, Jesus prayed "not my will, but yours be done" before going to the cross. That kind of surrender came at great personal cost. What does it cost us to pray that same prayer sincerely in our own lives?

Practical Applications

1. Read the Word Every Day Commit to reading at least one chapter of Scripture each day. If you are not sure where to start, begin with the Gospel of John. Consider pairing it with a chapter from Proverbs each day. Share with your group what you plan to read this week and check in with one another.

2. Pray Every Day Begin each morning by acknowledging God before reaching for your phone or starting your routine. End each night by speaking with Him before you sleep. Practice talking to Him throughout the day. Surrender is expressed not just in moments of decision but in the daily habit of turning toward God.

3. Do the Word As you read Scripture this week, identify one thing you can put into practice that day. Obedience is how surrender becomes visible. Share with your group at your next meeting one thing you read and one thing you did in response.

Prayer Focus

- "What is God asking you to surrender?" Take a moment to sit with that question. Is there something specific — a habit, a relationship, a plan, a fear — that God may be asking you to place in His hands?
- We thank God for the invitation to follow Him.
- We commit to say yes to God.
- We surrender the areas of our lives where we have been wrestling and striving on our own.
- We believe that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose again.
- We turn away from hiding and running, and we run back to You.
- We surrender our lives this week and believe for transformation.
- When we stumble, help us not to run away from You but to run back to You.

1 Peter 2:9 — God has called His people out of darkness and into His marvelous light. Reflect on what that means for where you are right now.