

UNBEIGE

Study #3 Surrender

1 John 2:15-17; Romans 7:21-24; Luke 9:23

NOTE: If you have not viewed the video, do so first, then come back to these questions.

Questions to ask

1. Open this week's sharing with some opportunities that you have had to answer the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit in recent weeks. Talk about your failures as well, and encourage each other in your journeys together.
2. "Everybody eventually surrenders to something or someone. If not to God, you will surrender to the opinions or expectations of others, to money, to resentment, to fear, or to your own pride, lusts, or ego." Rick Warren in *The Purpose Driven Life*. Talk about this quote. How does this line up with Luke 9:23, and talk about who or what you have surrendered to.
3. What do you think of "partial surrender"? Is it an option or an oxymoron? Does Jesus give us this option, and have we become comfortable with it? What does Romans 7:21-24 have to speak into this issue.
4. When we exercise partial surrender, Clare de Graaf calls this "grace abuse" which he describes as this ... "*Grace abuse is holding God to His promises... while using them as an excuse to break our promises to Him.*" (10 Second Rule). How do you feel about this? Is it fair or even true? Can you think of how this may be something you have done in the past?
5. Talk about and pray for each other about what it is that we struggle to sacrifice: time, money, reputation, inconvenience, deferred pleasure - or something else. If we are to walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Pray with each other and commit to being still enough to hear the voice of God this week, and act out of love and obedience, even in the smallest and most insignificant ways.