

Surrender

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Review Last Week's Next Steps

- I will meditate on Scripture in order to keep God's Word in my mind and on my lips.
- I will fast from social media for a day, several days, a week, or a month.

THIS WEEK'S SERMON RECAP

While we often believe in our ability to independently navigate life's challenges—be it brokenness, pain, addictions, or health issues—relying solely on ourselves is ineffective. Instead of bringing us closer to the ultimate source of strength and grace, it distances us.

Surrender, often perceived as an act of vulnerability and dependence, surprisingly emerges as the pivotal step that connects us with the most profound power we could ever experience.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the statement from Luke 12:32, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom," resonate with you personally? How does it make you feel about your relationship with God?

2. The sermon emphasizes the importance of living in the reality of the kingdom of love, joy, and peace. In your own words, what do you understand by the "kingdom of God," and how do you envision living in it?

3. The sermon suggests that being a Christian is not just about professing the right beliefs but about trusting and following in the way of Jesus. How would you describe the difference between believing and trusting in the context of your faith?

4. The series is titled "Practicing The Way of Jesus," and it introduces a discipleship pathway or spiritual program. How do you feel about the idea of committing to such a series and engaging in specific practices taken from the New Testament?

5. The speaker mentions the importance of raw honesty and a deep, joyful sense of personal spiritual inadequacy in small groups. How comfortable are you with being transparent about your struggles and shortcomings in a group setting?

6. The sermon acknowledges that everyone has flaws, including being liars, cheats, gossips, etc. Do you find it challenging to confront and admit your own imperfections? Why or why not?

7. The speaker emphasizes that the impact of the series is not only about what is heard on Sundays but about what is done during the week. How can you ensure that you actively engage with the practices and teachings throughout the week?

8. The foundational practice discussed in the sermon is surrendering your life and will fully to God. How do you interpret the idea of surrender in your own life, and what challenges or reservations do you have about surrendering to God's will?

9. Reflect on the analogy of a wedding vow used in the sermon. Have you consciously made a decision to accept Jesus into your life? If so, how has this decision shaped your journey so far? If not, what thoughts or questions do you have about making that commitment?

NEXT STEPS FOR THIS WEEK (COMMIT TO GROW)

- I chose to turn my life and will over to the care and control of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Luke 12:32
- Romans 7:15-18
- Matthew 16:24-25
- Luke 9:23
- Luke 22:42-43

Prayer Request(s)

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