



Hey God • I Surrender • Week 4

ICEBREAKER

What's a habit that you've either given up or started during our shelter at home time?

KEY SCRIPTURE

Psalm 37:1-9

NOTE:

This is a time of elevated emotions and stress. Please refrain from political conversations during your group discussion time. This doesn't mean you have to pretend like current events aren't happening, but use discernment and wisdom. Political conversations tend to get heated and derail the conversation, shift the focus away from God, and make it harder for us to love one another.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In the message this weekend we heard that fully surrendering our lives to God begins with trusting in God. What are some things or circumstances that threaten your trust in God? What restores or strengthens your trust in God?
2. *Psalm 37:3-4* that often gets quoted on its own—on social media over a nice photo or printed onto wall art or other things you can buy on Etsy. How does reading it in context, with the verses surrounding it, provide a deeper meaning of these verses than “I just need to live a good life and then God will bless me with all that I want”?
3. In the message this weekend, Pastor Alex talked about the difference between Jesus being our Savior and Jesus being our Lord. He said, “Jesus being Lord is not about appreciating what Jesus did, it means imitating what Jesus did.” Talk about that difference. Why might we be OK with accepting Jesus as Savior but struggle with making him our Lord?
4. Read this quote from C.S. Lewis that Pastor Alex used in the message and discuss. “The more we let God take us over, the more truly ourselves we become - because He made us. He invented us. He invented all the different people that you and I were intended to be. . . It is when I turn to Christ, when I give up myself to His personality, that I first begin to have a real personality of my own.” What are your thoughts on this quote? How does this contrast from some of the popular thinking we hear in our culture?
5. *Reread verse 7.* What does it look like for you to rest in or be still before God during this time? What might help you rest in God, and what are some things that might hinder that rest?

PRAYER

Pray for any specific requests people have, and for each person in our church to live lives totally surrendered to Jesus.

CHALLENGE

Take some time to reflect on the topic of surrendering your whole life to God. *Read Luke 9:23, Ephesians 5:1-2, John 13:12-17* for some additional Scripture on this topic. Have you accepted Jesus as both Savior and Lord of your life? What changes in your everyday life might come from trying to imitate Jesus rather than just appreciating what he has done?