



Surrender, part 1 Week of August 1st 2010

Review It...

Stu kicked off our new series exposing the truth behind one of the most misunderstood words in the English language – Surrender. Because Jesus surrendered His all for you, what is He asking you to surrender for Him?

Start It...

(Choose one or more of the questions below to kick off discussion)

- When you think of surrender, what images or examples come to your mind?
- Mercy is a game of surrender. Have your group members each find a partner and kick off a massive game of Mercy. The winners each advance to the final round of the competition. *(This game should be played at your own risk!)*
- What's been the response from others to the news of Waters Edge Church, Hampton? Who has driven past Riverdale to "dream?"

Discuss It...

(Choose one or more of the questions below for discussion. Leaders notes are in bold, suggested answers are in italics.)

- How did Sunday's message change your perspective on surrender?
- How have you experienced peace, protection or power from surrendering?
- Jesus modeled an attitude of surrender in Philippians 2:5-11. Read these verses and highlight the different aspects of surrender that you see.
- Read Mark 10:21. What did Jesus feel for this man? Why do you think Jesus' feelings are included in this verse?
- Mark 10:22 is one of the saddest verses in the Bible. Why is this verse so sad/tragic? *(The man knew what to do but refused to do it and in doing so, missed out on a relationship with God.)*
- Why is surrender so difficult for us?

- **Stu said of the rich young ruler, “He was doing all the right things on the outside, he was going through the right motions, he was saying the right words, he even knew all the right stuff, but he wasn’t truly surrendered. Let me help you understand something. The motions, the big show, saying the right things, looking the right way, wearing the right clothes, that’s not what Jesus is interested in. Oh and in case I haven’t said this enough in the last couple of weeks, let me say it again here just for the fun of it: knowing the answers to more theological questions isn’t really what Jesus is interested in either.”** What is Jesus interested in?
- It’s easy to play the church game and pretend to be better than we really are. Why is playing game religion/church so easy for us?
- **Stu said, “For some of you, it’s some habit, some lifestyle choice, some language that’s coming between you and Jesus. Perhaps it’s your own laziness or lack of desire, maybe it’s unforgiveness or bitterness or hatred, or a problem in your thought life or gossip, I don’t know but answer the question today. What’s the one thing I still need to surrender because Jesus surrendered everything for me, so today, what’s He asking me to surrender for Him?”**
- Stu emphasized the question, what’s the one thing I still need to surrender because Jesus surrendered everything for me, so today, what’s He asking me to surrender for Him? How do you discover the answer to this question?
- The concepts of surrender and slavery are closely tied in the Bible. Read Romans 6:16-19. Ask group members to summarize the meaning of these verses.
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. In these verses, who died? Who lives for whom?

Apply It...

(challenge your group members to live it out this week)

- What is one thing that needs to be surrendered in your life? Discuss it and ask you group for any necessary help or accountability.
- Encourage the group to utilize our online notes found at www.watersedgechurch.net if they don’t have any other useful tool.