



Discussion Questions

“A Heart of Surrender” – Lost in Translation

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Group Creed

We come together as a Group with the goal of Spiritual Formation; encouraging one another to become the same kind of person that Jesus is, so that we can live out every part of our lives inside of His Kingdom.

// Bible References

Colossians 1:13-23; Esther 4:12-16, 9:1, 5; Luke 1:26-38, 2:7-11

// Community Questions

1. If you participated in the ceremony and received your Ezer Ring, describe your experience.
2. What was your biggest takeaway from the Lost In Translation series?

// Core Questions

1. What is an area of your life that you know you need to surrender to God?
2. What are you hoping to *gain* from that area of your life you refuse to surrender? (*If the answer is something superficial or physical, try to dig a little deeper and find what immaterial thing that is providing. For example: if you hope to gain money, perhaps you are really looking for security or approval.*)
3. What might you be giving up if you *do* surrender that area to God?
4. Do you believe that surrendering to God could actually benefit you?
5. What *freedom* might be available to you by surrendering this area of your life?

// Challenge

Think and pray about the area in your life you are reluctant to surrender. If you don't know, pray that God will reveal that in your life. We all have *something*. Once you have identified it, pray for trust in God. As Gretchen said, we don't always want to do what God is asking us to do. But He never intends to harm us by what He is asking. Perhaps it has to do with your sexuality, your relationships, your priorities, or your attitude towards others. Whatever it is, start to ponder what it could look like to surrender that to God. What *good* might come out of it? When you are ready, use the words of surrender Mary used to surrender yourself: "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you [the Lord] have said."

Also, if you went forward and got an Ezer Ring this weekend and made the covenant, take some time this week to read over that covenant and let the weight of it sink in. It is a responsibility not to be taken lightly. Pray for strength from God to be able to fulfill it every day of your life, and His grace when you fail.

God bless!