

CrossPoint Community Guide

November 9—Losing to Live | Surrendering Self

DINNER & DELIGHT (» 45 MIN)

How did it go with last week's practice (looking at the 5 responses of the Sermon on the Mount and practicing moving from amazement to alignment)?

LEARN AND STUDY (» 15 MIN)

Study/Observation Questions. Read Luke 9v23-27.

- What 3 commands does Jesus give in verse 23?
- What paradox is Jesus emphasizing in v. 24-25?
- Based on these verses and the sermon, what do you think is the take-home truth?

PRACTICE AND IMPLEMENT (» 45 MIN)

Practice now:

- Where do you sense you're managing life rather than surrendering it?
- What is one place that the "illusion of control" has crept in?
- What do you sense the Holy Spirit is inviting you to deny, crucify, or release so that you can follow Jesus more fully?
 - To find the answer to this question-consider asking the group to answer the question: What are you afraid of losing? You might put it like this:
 - **"Jesus, I give everything to you except _____"**
 - Ex: the relationship I'm in, my cynical attitude, my political party, my bank accounts, my time, my kids, my spouse, my job, my friends, my power, etc.
- What might it look like if you trusted Jesus with that area completely?

Practice this week:

- Put into practice this week the answer to the previous question—What it looks like to surrender one area of life and trust Jesus with it.
- Encourage your group to use your group communication to stay in touch around this topic this week.

REFLECT & PRAY (» 15min)

- Go around the group and invite members to pray this out loud:
 - "This week, I will surrender _____ instead of managing it myself."
- Pray communally this prayer:
 - Jesus, you call us to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow you. We acknowledge that the path to a deeper life is daily surrender. We confess that fear, control, and unbelief keep us from surrender. Today we lay down the illusion that we must manage our own lives. Teach us the freedom of losing our life to find yours. Crucify the false self within us and raise up new life by your Spirit. Whatever, whenever, wherever—we are yours. Amen.

The Scriptures for next week: Colossians 3v1-4