

CrossPoint Community Guide

November 16—Losing to Live | Surrendering Identity

“DINNER & DELIGHT (» 45 MIN)

How did it go with last week’s practice? →What is the Holy Spirit inviting you to deny, crucify, or release so that you can follow Jesus more fully? How did it go surrendering this to Jesus? What did it look like to trust Jesus with an area of our life completely?

LEARN AND STUDY (» 15 MIN)

Study/Observation Questions. Colossians 3v1-4.

- What stood out to you from the passage or sermon?
- According to verse one, what is *already true* about believers?
- What does Paul mean by “set your mind on things above?”
- What does Paul mean in verse 3 that “you died?”

PRACTICE AND IMPLEMENT (» 45 MIN)

Practice now:

- What identities have shaped you that did not come from Jesus?
 - Ex: achievement/performance; appearance/body image; relationship status; trauma/painful past; job title/success/or lack thereof; online persona/curated identity; political or cultural tribes; self-created identity
- Now, in the quiet of your heart, picture yourself laying that down at the cross. Hear the Father’s voice speaking over you — not with shame, but with love: “You are my beloved. You are mine.” (That’s the sound of surrender. You don’t lose yourself when you surrender to Jesus — you find your truest self in Him!)
- Where do you resist the truth that God’s love is enough to shape your identity?

Practice this week:

- This week, when the temptation arises to place your identity in the false self, practice this:
 1. **Name your false identity**—Where am I working hardest to prove myself?
 2. **Lay down your false identity**—Surrender isn’t a feeling, it’s an act of trust.
 3. **Receive your true identity from Jesus**—The Father is saying to you, “You are my beloved.”
 4. **Live from God’s love**—Practice saying out loud, “***I am not*** _____ (my job, my performance, my past, my appearance, etc.) ***I am God’s beloved.***”

REFLECT & PRAY (» 15min)

- Reflect on, “God, what part of me still resists that your love is enough to define me?”
- Pick one (or more) of these statements and pray over one another:
 1. **Surrender:** “Jesus, I surrender my self-made identity.”
 2. **Security:** “Hide me in you.”
 3. **Revelation:** “Show me who you are.”
 4. **Formation:** “Shape my life from my identity in you.”
- Leader, end with praying over your group.

The Scriptures for next week: Matthew 10v32-39