Surrendered Living: Confessions of a Reformed Control Freak

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Leader News

Brainstorm with Brian!

- Monday, June 16 @ 6:30 pm
- Hope Church, Rm 3

Hey Leader-we need your thoughts! Help Brian determine the next year of teaching at Hope!



Discussion Questions with Beth Yokley

- 1. Have everyone look up a synonym for "Surrender" on their phone. Have them choose their favorite and explain why.
- 2.In Brian's pitcher/cup/saucer/plate Illustration this morning, what was your most significant take-away?
- 3. Brian mentioned three different postures of surrender. First, obedience and submission-when our hands are raised in prayer. What are some areas of your life you feel you have completely handed over to God? Describe what that looks like or feels like.
- 4. Take a few moments of silence to consider: what Is one area of my life that I am not surrendering to God? Share If you feel comfortable with someone sitting next to you, and listen to theirs.
- 5. The second posture was to have our hands raised to serve--standing ready to do what God calls us to. Share a time you felt that you were available, God called, and you followed. What did you learn or experience? What encourages you to stay In this place of readiness? What detracts from It? Are there any regular practices you feel prepare you to always be ready?
- 6. The third posture was 'handing over' or extending our hands to give up something. Brainstorm several characters from the Bible that were called to give up something by God. Which ones were willing? Which ones were unwilling? How did their experiences play out?
- 7. Jonah Is one man who did not surrender His will to God Initially. If we use Jonah as an Illustration--are you on your way to Tarshish? Meaning, are you unwilling to lay down your own will In this area where you need to surrender? Or are you In the belly of the whale, regretting your choices? Maybe you've surrendered already and have finally arrived In Ninevah? Share where you are.

