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Teaching Recap: This series we asked God for what we needed to stop and what we needed to go do. Pastor Charlie, shared on how we need to yield to God's voice by remaining in Him daily. The natural outcome is that our lives will be a reflection of God to those around us.

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ENCOURAGEMENT

Take a moment to check in and see how everyone is doing in the areas of stopping, starting, and slowing down. Share what encouragement you need from your group to keep taking steps in those areas.

SCRIPTURE & DISCUSSION

Read: Ephesians 5:15-17

Discuss:

- 1. The end of the passage says, "understand what the Lord wants you to do." Do you feel confident in what God wants you to do? If not, share how you think you can become more confident in that. If so, share with the group how you know you are confident in it.
- 2. Yielding means that we are willing to give up all things in this life for the sake of Christ. What aspects of this are easy? What aspects of this are hard?



Read: <u>John 15:1-8</u>

Discuss:

- 3. Pastor Charlie shared that one way we yield to Christ is our constant quest to know Him better and better. We cannot be truly yielded if we turn off our desire to know Him more. What are you doing to know Christ better and better? What are other ways you can connect with Christ to deepen that relationship?
- 4. Jesus, in the passage says, "without me you can do nothing." How has that played out in your life? Share a time in your life where you thought you could do it on your own and how it went.
- 5. When our life is yielded to Christ our influence lasts because it is more about the presence of Christ in us. What do you want your influence to be? To your kids? Your coworkers? What part do you need to play to make that influence last?

PRAYER

Part of yielding is being tuned into God and focused on what He is doing and where He is leading. This week, pray that each member of your group would be able to focus on God and have the courage to surrender each day to His will.

NEXT STEPS

The Ephesians 5 passage instructs believers to be careful in how they live, exercise wisdom in every decision, and seek God's will. These three things are a good summary of what it means to yield. This week, do each of those three things and journal about how they played out.