Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: SUMMER PLAYLIST Message: PSALM 86 - A Song of Surrender

August 25, 2019

Connect (15min)

- *In groups of 2-3 people:
- **1. Thankful 3** Share 3 Things that you're Thankful For this week.
- 2. What is one challenge or opportunity that you personally need Prayer for today?
- 3. Take a couple of minutes to give thanks and pray for one another.

Sunday Message Feedback (45min)

*Speaker: Dean Orrell – Worship Pastor.

1. Story of Surrender

- a. Have you ever found yourself in a real-life situation (game or serious) where you had to Surrender?
- **b.** What did you think Pastor Dean's story of the Japanese solider, <u>Hiroo Onoda</u>, who refused to surrender at the end of World War 2? Some admire his commitment, but how did his resistance to surrender actually hurt him and others?

References:

- *https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-25772192
- *The WWII Japanese Soldier Who Didn't Surrender Until 1974 on YouTube https://youtu.be/BboemeR1PcA
- *The Last Imperial Soldier (Award Winning Hiroo Inspired Short Film) on YouTube https://youtu.be/ZzFxZwt-8zQ
- c. Have you ever found yourself fighting 'battles' that have already been won, or 'wars' that are over?

2. Read Psalm 86 – A Song of Surrender

- a. What initially stands out or impacts you in Psalm 86?
- **b.** What do you learn about God through this Psalm?
- c. What do you learn about life and about us (humans)?
- d. There is a War... but what does David ask for to fight?

3. Lord (Adonai) = Master

- **a.** What is the significance and application of David's use of God's Name/Title Lord (Adonai) multiple times throughout the Psalm?
- **b.** How does this Psalm and the model of surrender challenge and conflict with the expectations and culture of the world, and our issues with authority?

4. Steps of Surrender

What is the significance of these steps/aspects of surrender in this Psalm, and in our everyday lives?

- a. Prayer for Mercy, Crying Out, Sharing our Complaints, for Patience and Endurance...
- **b.** Confession our of Need for God and our Confidence in Him.
- c. Trust Recognize & Remember God's Faithfulness and Anticipation of Deliverance.
- 5. The Model of Jesus. Read Philippians 2:1-18.
 - a. How did JESUS (God With Us) model a life of surrender for us?
 - **b.** How are we benefitted and bless by His life of service and surrender?
- 6. Benefits & Blessings
 - *Read James 4:6-10; Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 2:20; Proverbs 3:1-13
 - a. What are personal the benefits & blessings of living a surrender life to God?
 - b. How can your surrendered life benefit and bless others around you?

Application & Prayer (15min)

- *Challenge: Which Step of Surrender do you need to take with God today?
- *In Response to our Study/Discussion how can we Pray for you today?
- > healing, provision, protection, power, personal transformation, accountability, outreach opportunities...

Resources to Consider

Scripture: http://www.openbible.info/topics/surrender

Book: Joyful Surrender: 7 Disciplines for the Believer's Life, Elisabeth Elliot

Song: Surrounded (Fight My Battles) – Upper Room