



This is The Way, Week 9, *Surrendered Control*

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read the following scripture passages:

- **Romans 7:18-25** - **1 Corinthians 9:1-5** - **1 Corinthians 9:19-27**

1. What do these verses teach us about self-control?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

2. What is the difference between the human sources of self-control (determination, self-denial, legalism, religion, behavior modification) and a Biblical understanding of how self-control works (relationship with Christ, having the “mind of Christ”, God changing and molding our values)?
3. When does your ability to have Biblical self-control fall apart? What situations or contexts are difficult for you? Where do you need to resist the temptation to control yourself?
4. Where have you experienced undeniable breakthrough in your ability to experience and demonstrate Biblical self-control?
5. How do you “abide” or “remain” in Christ (John 15:5)? What does it look like daily? Weekly? Monthly? Yearly?

Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

6. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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