

## LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Week of March 7, 2021

"It's About God"

Galatians 2:20, Luke 9:23

### WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ANCC

**ALL CHURCH EMAIL:** Are you receiving the weekly ANCC update emails? If not, then sign up for it by sending a message to [hello@anccbellevue.org](mailto:hello@anccbellevue.org).

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** It's not about you; it's about God.

### GETTING STARTED

1. **SOAP TIME:** Share your most meaningful SOAP entry or Lent Devotional reflection from this past week (one or two people share).
2. What do you think about when you hear the word "surrender?" Is it positive or negative? Share a time when you surrendered to something.

### DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read Galatians 2:20, Luke 9:23, and the following sermon quote. Then, answer the questions below:

*What does it mean to be crucified with Christ? It means that you die to yourself and surrender to Christ by living with the posture, "It's not about me; it's about God." It means you relinquish your entire being—your control, rights, power, direction, money, car, children, career, education, your reason for living...everything—into God's hands so that God can do whatever is necessary to glorify Christ in and through you. Nothing acknowledges God's greatness and gives him more glory than a surrendered life that always seeks the answer to the question, "What does God get out of it?"*

- a. Do you fear what a lifestyle of full surrender might cost you? What fears might people have about fully surrendering every aspect of their lives to God? What fears or barriers keep you from fully surrendering to God?
- b. The truth is that living for yourself is more costly than dying to yourself. What might you stand to lose by holding out on God? How have you experienced blessings through relinquishing some area of your life to God?

4. "Me-ology" (the unsundered life) puts self first, then squeezes God in *if* any room remains. Do an honest self-evaluation. To what extent does Me-ology characterize your life in each of the following areas? What is your struggle to be God-centric?

	ME-CENTRIC "Me-ology"	GOD-CENTRIC "Theology"
WORSHIP	Worship God for what he has done for me.	Worship God for who he is.
SALVATION	Motive: I want to avoid hell	Motive: I want to spend eternity worshipping God
BIBLE	Focus on what makes me feel good.	Focus on what reveals God.
BLESSINGS	"God has blessed me so that I can have more for myself."	"God has blessed me so that I can be a blessing on behalf of God."
PRAYER	Focuses on getting blessings. "Lord, help me, give me, bless me."	Focuses on blessing God. "Lord, your kingdom come...your will be done... whatever brings you the most glory..."
CHURCH	A place to receive from God. A place that exists to meet my needs. A place to consume.	A place to give to God. A place that exists to glorify God. A place to contribute.
LORDSHIP	"I will do what God wants as long as I'm being blessed...as long as God doesn't interfere with my life...as long as I'm comfortable doing it."	"I will do what God wants."
HARDSHIPS	"God, why are you allowing this to happen to me?"  Seeks the elimination of hardships.	"God, how can you be glorified through what is happening to me?"  Seeks whatever most glorifies God, even the retention of hardships.

## TAKING IT HOME

5. What do you sense the Spirit is saying to you and what specific action can you take this week in light of that realization? How can the Life Group encourage you and hold you accountable?
6. PRAYER TIME: Pray for a surrendered life that seeks to bring glory to God.