

Listening: Hearing God

I surrender

[whispers]

I love you

How long?

Give it to me

You follow me

You are not alone

[intimate exchange]

[surrender]

Matthew 8.18-22

Luke 9.23-24

How would you describe what it means to surrender to God?

Would you say that surrendering to God comes easily to you? Explain.

Why do you think surrender is so important in our relationship with God?

How can our desire for comfort or convenience get in the way of our willingness to surrender to God?

Sometimes we procrastinate in our surrender; we put it off until we feel like it's a better time. Why do we do that?

Surrender isn't something that happens to us, it's a choice we make. What is the choice Jesus is telling us to make in Luke 9.23-24?

Going Deeper—Living it Out

[putting it together]

What we have

Who we are

[big questions]

What do you know about God that makes Him someone you should surrender your life to?

How surrendered are you?

What do you need to hand over to God?

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Going Deeper—Living it Out

What things need to be surrendered in order to "take up our cross?"

What's easier to surrender; what you have or who you are? Explain.

How is God asking you to respond to His invitation?

**MEMORIZE THIS!**

**Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.**

-Luke 9.23-24 (TNIV)