

FEARLESS FAITH
Five Things God Uses to Grow a FEARLESS Faith
Community Group Questions

WEEK 5 :: LESS of me, MORE of Him – Surrender

INTRODUCTION

Some people believe the Christian life is an easy life that allows you to just do the things that you want to do. They believe that God has given us so much grace and that He promises an easy life. Others believe that Jesus called us to live with FEARLESS Faith that requires us to do hard things that we often don't want to do. Both ideas are found in the Bible, so which perspective is correct? Perhaps there is another way to think about it!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Remind the group that these are dynamics God uses to build our FEARLESS faith. Growing faith is the essence of a growing relationship with Christ. God uses Feeding ourselves (Practical Teaching/Time with God), Engaging our places (Investing and Inviting), Accepting Accountability (Community with others) and Risking Comfort with our Time and Talents to grow a FEARLESS Faith. He also uses Surrender as we will discuss in this group.

Use the first question to introduce this week's lesson. The goal is to surface the tension we feel between what we want to do for God and others and what we feel we may have to do for God and others.

1. When you first started following Jesus did you feel overwhelmed by His grace and mercy to you? Did you ever begin to think there were certain things you must do in order to be a good Christian? If so, when did that begin to happen and what were the things you felt you had to do?
2. Do you feel it is necessary to do certain things that are difficult in order to maintain your relationship with God?
3. During the message Mark shared Romans 12:1-2. Have someone in the group read those verses. Mark said that this type of full surrender to God should be the natural response to all that God has done for us. Do you find full surrender to be natural for you or something you must do?
4. Jesus called us to have FEARLESS Faith which requires us to do somethings that are both easy and hard. How do we develop a heart that wants to do whatever we are called to do and not feel as though we have to?
5. What is one hard thing you feel like Jesus is inviting you to do? How can you develop a heart that wants to instead of has to? How can this group help and support you in that?

MOVING FORWARD

Shifting our focus from what we feel we 'have to' do and spending more time focusing on what God has done for us is the key to changing our heart. Paul spent the first 11 chapters in his letter to the Romans outlining all the incredible blessings our Heavenly Father has given us through Jesus. Perhaps this week we should make a list of all these blessings and see how it changes our 'have tos' into 'want tos'.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1-2 NIV