

Harvest Bible Chapel
Small Group Questions
June 28, 2009

Accelerate your Surrender

Luke 9:23-25, 57-62, Luke 14:25-33, Matthew 13:44, Gal 2:20, Rom. 6:11

1. What was your reaction when you heard about Michael Jackson's death? Do you remember your reaction to Elvis Presley's death? What do you think a day in the life of Michael Jackson was like? Name some things that Michael Jackson had that you will never have. Name some things that you have that Michael will never have. Why is worldly gain so dangerous to our soul?
2. Why do you think Hiroo Onoda refused to surrender for 30 years after World War II ended? How do you think he felt when he realized he wasted the best years of his life fighting a war whose outcome had already been determined? How does his story parallel your relationship with God?
3. Can a person be a genuine Christian without being a disciple? Can a person receive forgiveness of sin without surrendering to Christ? Is our initial surrender to Christ the end or the beginning of our relationship with Christ? What is the "endgame" of everything we do at Harvest Bible Chapel?
4. Trent said the issue for those in the following categories is **SURRENDER**. Which ones can you identify with? Explain.
 1. Everyone who knows the gospel but refuses to repent and believe.
 2. Every backslidden, apathetic, hypocritical Christian.
 3. Everyone who has time for everything but God.
 4. Everyone too busy to pray or read the Bible with their children.
 5. Everyone who will not speak about Christ out of fear of rejection.
 6. Everyone who gives little or nothing financial to build the kingdom of God.
 7. Everyone who eats way more than they need.
 8. Everyone who habitually abuses alcohol.
 9. Every teenage who indulges in ungodly entertainment and caves to peer pressure.
 10. Every father or businessman who blows his temper.
 11. Everyone who allows their eyes to feast on pornographic images.
 12. Every husband and wife ready to reject their spouse and trade them in for a new one.
5. What practical ways do you need to "deny yourself" this week? Finish this prayer, "Lord, I surrender my rights to _____?"
6. What practical ways do you need to "take up your cross daily?" Finish this prayer, "Lord, I surrender my control of _____?"
7. What practical ways do you need to "follow Christ" this week? Finish this prayer, "Lord, I surrender my comfort in _____?"
8. What attributes of God help you overcome the fear of surrendering to him?
9. Why is resistance far more costly than surrender?
10. What is the one area God is calling you to surrender to Him?