



INTRODUCTION

Thinking about how a parent views their child can bring a greater understanding of how God sees us, as His children. We wish our children would make wise choices, find their purpose, and go down the right path. This is how God feels about us. He wishes for great things for us and through us. Let's explore what God wishes for us and how we can follow His lead.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What do you think God wishes for you?
2. What do you think of when you think of the word surrender? Do you get a positive or negative feeling?

Read Mark 8: 27-37

3. As you look at verses 34-37, Jesus is teaching them a new way of living and thinking; He is giving instructions on how to follow Him. What stands out to you in these verses?
4. As we follow Christ we are challenged to surrender. What keeps us from surrendering to Him?
5. At the time we became a follower of Jesus, we surrendered to Him. Share a time when you denied yourself, or your will, and surrendered it to Jesus. (At the time of salvation or another time.)
6. The big idea for this week is "the Life we want begins with surrender to Jesus." There are two things that have to happen if we are to move from "wishing" to arriving at "here": surrendering and engaging God's process. Which of these two do you struggle with the most? What needs to change in you?
7. What can you do to take a next step in surrendering to Jesus this week?

NEXT STEPS

Stepping into surrender is not always easy. Pride and impatience seem to get in our way. We will often surrender something and then find ourselves taking it back and trying to be in control again. Surrendering is an area where we can always grow. Spend some time with the Lord this week and ask Him where you are "in His process" and what areas of your life He is asking you surrender into His loving hands.

RENEW YOUR MIND

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. — Philippians 1:9-10

