



KEEP TALKING

The weekend doesn't have to end. Keep Talking with this week's guide.

The Pattern | Surrender

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START TALKING - Find conversations starters for the group or with a friend.

Do you love a plan? Yes? No? Occasionally?

Plans can help us move forward and keep on track. What areas of your life do you like to follow a plan?

KEEP READING - Read the Scripture and ask a question to get the group thinking.

Philippians 3:17 (AMP); Romans 12:1 - 2 (NIV)

- What do you think Paul means by "the pattern"?
- What stands out to you from Romans 12:1 - 2?

Pastor Carl talked about how we have reduced the word surrender to mean dying to agendas or selfish ambitions but its so much more than that. Jesus said "whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow him" (Mt 16:24).

- What does the word 'surrender' mean to you and why does it matter that we surrender as we follow Jesus?

KEEP TALKING - Choose questions to create openness.

We were reminded of three things when it comes to surrender...

1. It's our response to the mercy of God (1 Peter 1:3, Romans 6:16-18, Hebrews 4:16)
2. It's our acknowledgement of who Jesus is (Philippians 2:5-11)
3. It's all we can offer (Romans 12:1, Galatians 2:20)

- Without surrender we will find it impossible to follow Jesus - what does this mean to you?
- Are there areas of your life you know you need to surrender to Jesus?
- What does it mean to go deeper in our surrender to Jesus?

KEEP MOVING/GOING -Commit to a step and live it out this week.

Take some time to reflect on the pattern of surrender that the Apostle Paul has introduced us too. Invite the Holy Spirit in and ask Him to highlight areas of your life that require your surrender. Write them down and why not ask someone to pray with you specifically about these areas.

KEEP PRAYING

- Pray for others this week that they would know new levels of surrender and personal devotion with the Lord.