

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: WHY SURRENDER?

Acts 9:1-19

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In order for God's will to be done on earth, his kingdom needs to rule in our hearts! This week we will look at what it means to surrender to the lordship of Jesus Christ. It's your choice – but choose wisely!

MEMORY VERSE

And the people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey."

Joshua 24:24

DISCUSSION STARTERS

In this week's sermon, Pastor Miles stated, *"Sometimes you go through trials because you're fighting against God."*

Share about a time when you were fighting against God. What was the outcome?

STUDY QUESTIONS

After the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, God lead the Israelites into the Promised Land under Joshua's leadership. At the end of his life, he gathered the people together and gave them a choice: serve the one true God or serve the false gods of their ancestors.

→ Read Joshua 24:14-15

- What reason did Joshua give the people for following the Lord?
- What does it mean to fear the Lord?
- What does it mean to serve the Lord?



- Everyone has to make a personal choice of whom they will follow and worship.
Have you made the decision to follow and worship God?
If so, when and how did you decide to follow Jesus?

→ **Read Joshua 24:16-18**

- How did the people respond to the choice that Josh gave them?
- What was their reasoning for serving the Lord?

→ **Read Joshua 24:19-20**

- Why do you think Josh challenged their ability to follow God?
- Have you ever made a commitment to God and then fallen away from it?

→ **Read Joshua 24:21-28**

- What steps did Josh tell the people to take since they chose to follow God?
- What do you think the people meant when they said they would obey his voice?

GROUP ACTIVITY

Personal reflection:

- What is holding me back from fully surrendering to Jesus?
- What would it look like for me to obey the Lord?

Group discussion:

- What fears do you have about surrendering to God?
- Are you ready to surrender? Read Romans 12:1-2, then pray to God, offering yourself to him fully as your master.
- What's your next step to keep walking in surrender?



