

GROWN UP PRAYER – CONNECT GROUP NOTES

A Prayer of Surrender

Opening Question:

Can you share an example of a time where you had to lay down what you wanted because someone else in your world wanted something very different?

It's hard isn't it to lay down our preferences and concede to what someone else wants.

Read Romans 12:1-2

- What challenges you most about this passage?
- Why do you think it is so difficult to surrender ourselves to God?

Matthew 6:10 (NIV) Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Where do you think we need to see God's kingdom come in our nation?
What kind of change would tell you that God's kingdom has broken in?

Albert Schweitzer: *There can be no Kingdom of God in the world without the Kingdom of God in our hearts.*

- How can we learn to surrender to God in our lives more?
- What are the benefits of living a surrendered life?

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

Worship:

Pause for a moment and reflect on Proverbs 3:5-6. Take some time to consider personally whether your life is fully surrendered to God at the moment. Thank God that he is close to you and spend some time in his presence with gratitude.

You could pray the following prayer together.

A Prayer of Surrender:

Today, O Lord, I yield myself to you.

May you will be my delight today.

May your way have perfect sway in me.

May your love be the pattern of my living.

I surrender to you my hopes, my dreams, my ambitions.

Do with them what you will, when you will, as you will.

I place into your loving care my family, my friends, my future.

Care for them with a care that I can never give.

I release into your hands need to control, my craving for status, my fear of obscurity.

Eradicate the evil, purify the good, and establish your Kingdom on earth.

for Jesus' sake.

Amen.