

FREEDOM GROUPS

Chapter Six Leader Guide

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight. PROVERBS 3:5–6 NIV

REMINDER:

- Encourage your participants to register for the Freedom Conference April 17th – 18th.

OVERVIEW:

- As a believer, surrender does not mean defeat...it is actually the beginning of our freedom. To surrender our lives to God, we must believe that God is good and is worthy of our trust. That trust is developed in the context of relationship.
- Jesus left heaven and came to earth; He felt hunger, hurt, and rejection; He was beaten and crucified and three days later rose from the grave—all so He could show His love, earn our trust, and be in relationship with us. If you want to get to know God better, you will need to do what you would do when getting to know a friend: spend time with Him.
- God wants to make our lives smoother by being Lord over everything. When we surrender everything to Him, we will find that His path to the fulfillment of our desires is better than we could have imagined on our own.
- To live a surrendered life, we need to make the choice to trust and obey, make Jesus the most important, learn to forgive and stay free of offense.
- Surrendering does not mean we no longer have goals or ambitions. On the contrary, God is the One who puts desires in our hearts. We simply have to submit to God's will and join with Him in His plans for us.
- To love unoffended, we need to take the lowest seat, always remain grateful, give others their freedom, make the decision that promotes life in others, trust God to bring justice when an offense comes and dedicate time to the Lord.

DISCUSSION GUIDE:

- Are you having a hard time trusting God with certain areas of your life?
- This week, we learned that we will worship what we value most. What are some of the things you might value more than your relationship with God?
- How do you think your life would change if you pursued God with all your heart rather than those things?
- Which of the “Six Ways to Stay Unoffended” spoke to you the most and why?
- Have you surrendered your past, present, and future to God?
- Do you trust that His way is better than your own? Why or why not?

APPLICATION:

- Encourage your participants to think about the areas of their lives that need to be surrendered to the Lord. Have them pray about those areas this week and encourage them to choose a Scripture to declare over each area.

PRAYER FOCUS:

- Pray that the Lord will reveal the areas that they need to surrender to Him.
- Pray that their hearts will be softened, and they will understand that surrendering these things to the Lord and letting Him be in control will bring freedom and peace.