

JESUS OVER EVERYTHING WEEK 5

This week we are concluding our series *Jesus Over Everything* where we have said that Jesus wants us to surrender every area of our lives to him, especially the areas that are hardest for us to let go of. Yet this is often counterintuitive. Jesus knows this. Through the cross he gives us not only the example of how to surrender but the power to do so. He invites us to follow.

1. What area have you been surrendering to Jesus these past few weeks? What has the process of surrendering been like for you, either good or challenging? Be specific.
2. After telling us to surrender everything to God, Paul writes, "Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good." (Rom. 12:21).

How have you in the past allowed someone else's evil to create an evil response in you?

How can you respond to a difficult situation you are in right now with someone with good? Be specific.

3. Read the following verses from Philippians 2 about the way of Jesus.

Philippians 2:5-8 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

What does Jesus example teach us about power, surrender, and humility?

Why is this so difficult for us?

4. Respond to the following statement. "Jesus was a single sacrifice for sin... GOOD FOR ALL TIME! Most of us don't really believe that. It's the reason why when something bad happens we still wonder if we've made God mad. It's why we feel shame..."
5. Paul writes, "The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18

What "foolish" thing (i.e. something that does not make sense to those around you or feels counterintuitive), is God asking you to do to show his power?

6. How does the reality and power of the cross impact our view of and desire to surrender?