



WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

THE FLAG OF CONTROL

WEEK 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Group Serving Opportunity

Trunk or Treat

Thurs, Oct. 31st

5:30-6:30

Cartersville Location before the Gathering!

[Details and Signup HERE](#)

ALL TO HIM

Raise the Flag

Oct. 10/13 - Nov. 7/10

***All Connect Groups will use the Raise
The Flag Study Guides!**

ALL TO HIM DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

*Bring your guide to group.

***Complete Wk 1 Reading Plan & Prayer
Guide on page 71.**

ICEBREAKER: Share a funny, difficult or serious situation (relationship, parenting, work, addiction) that you thought you were in control but realized at some point you were not in control. What made you realize you weren't in control and how did it end?

CONTEXT: To be a disciple of Jesus means surrendering control to Jesus in response to His victory. We lose sight of self, walk in obedience to Him no matter the cost, and bring every area of life under His Lordship. Giving our all to Jesus begins with a decision to lose our lives for His sake and the Gospel.

THE MAIN POINT

GIVING YOUR ALL TO HIM MEANS
RELEASING CONTROL TO HIM!

SCRIPTURE: Luke 9:23-26

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. 25 For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? 26 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.



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STARTER QUESTIONS

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon over the weekend and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

What does this passage (Luke 9:23-26) teach us about God, who He is, and His character?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the EXAMINE and APPLY sections on pages 72-73 in your Discipleship guide.

2. Read Luke 9:23-26 out loud. What word or short phrase jumps off the page at you and why? (It could be you are convicted, scared of what it really means, a word you never thought about in context of these verses, etc)

3. Pastor James asked us, "Are you releasing control of each day by the power of the Holy Spirit OR are you still trying to be in control of you?" Share a recent situation where you released control to God and how did it go?

4. Pastor James said that we can translate the word "ashamed" as "disown" and we disown Jesus by controlling our own life. Have each person read verse 26 silently and replace ashamed with the word disown. How does this change your view of control? How does it impact your view of God?

5. What area(s) of your life do you need to surrender or "raise the flag of control? If you're not sure, ask the Holy Spirit to show you.

6. Share what you are most excited about as we expand our work for year 2 of our All To Him Discipleship Journey for Our Church, Our Cities, or Our World.

PRAYER

**For a deeper and more responsive prayer time, separate into a men's group and women's group.*

Share praises, answered prayers and prayer requests. Pray over the request as a group.

Closing Prayer: Thank you Jesus for showing us what real love is by sacrificing Yourself so that we might have life. Give us the strength and courage to follow Your example by taking up our cross and giving You everything. Jesus, we give you control of our life and thank you for your grace when we try it on our own. Amen

B.L.E.S.S. Update: Who's Your ONE?

Review the BLESS principles and ask if anyone has an update to share.

Begin with prayer

Listen to their story

Eat with them

Serve them

Share your story and the story of Jesus