

# LG Questions

## Winter 24 Wk 1



**Big Idea:** *Surrendering to God opens the door to the smile of God on our life.*

### **Read Romans 6:13b**

*Offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.*

- 1. Paul says “offer yourselves to God” (means surrender to God) and to “offer every part of yourself to him” (means I surrender all of me). In your own words, what does it mean to offer yourself...to surrender all of yourself to God? How is anything but full surrender counterfeit worship?**
- 2. Reasons for not surrendering to God include:**
  - 1. Doubt concerning God’s love for us**
  - 2. Trouble trusting God**
  - 3. Pride**
  - 4. Fear concerning the cost of obedience**
  - 5. Fear of having to be patient and persevere**

***Which of these five proves to be the biggest obstacle for your daily personal surrender? Explain. What has helped you overcome your obstacle to surrender?***

### **Read James 4: 6-10**

*“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”*

*Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.*

- 3. Share an instance when you submitted (surrendered) to God and He drew near to you and lifted you up? What did you learn?**
- 4. Surrender is not passive resignation, fatalism, laziness, or accepting the status quo. It requires grit, and often leads us into circumstances where we must be patient, exercise faith, practice obedience, and persevere through hardship. Provide an example of a time you surrendered to God only to be met with hard circumstances and opposition. Did the opposition surprise you? Did it tempt you to rescind your surrender?**

**Read Romans 6:17-18**

*You used to be slaves of sin. But thank God that with your whole heart you obeyed the teachings you were given! You have been set free from sin. You have become slaves to right living.*

- 5. Many people think of surrender or submission as restrictive and limiting. Ironically, surrender to God leads to peace and freedom? Share with one another the freedom and peace that comes with surrender to God.**

**Prayer:** *Spend a moment praying on your own silently in self reflection and surrender afresh to God those things you are keeping back from Him.*