

Small Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Warm Up

Use these “surrender” questions to help get your group talking (form teams or challenge them to be the first to google the answer)

1. Likely signed sometime in 1259 BCE, the _____ peace treaty is the oldest known written peace treaty in history. (Egyptian-Hittite)
2. Where did British commander Lord Cornwallis surrender to George Washington in 1781? (Yorktown)
3. Name the two generals who agreed to terms of surrender ending the U.S. Civil War, and where did it officially take place? (U.S. Grant, R.E. Lee, Appomattox)
4. Six months after the last battle, the The Treaty of Versailles marked the end of which war? (WWI)
5. Who was involved in the Treaty of Grenada (Sultan Boabdil, Ferdinand & Isabella)
6. The Japanese surrendered in September of 1945, ending WWII. On what ship did they sign the treaty? (U.S.S. Missouri)

Scripture & Exploration

Read the following Scriptures (be intentional about involving children in this!) and discuss them.

1. Danny began by describing pre-Christian Paul. What do we know about this part of Paul's life? What was he like? Describe him.
2. Read Matthew 19:16-22. Talk about this young man. Describe him. What kind of a guy is he? What does he think about Jesus? What was his attitude towards surrender?
3. Read Philippians 2:1-14. What did Paul say would give him joy? (2) How did he go on to describe what that looks like? (3-4) In what way did Jesus surrender?

Discover

1. If we were to brag about a religious pedigree (as Paul mentioned he could do) what might be our list?
 - a. Is that something we take pride in? Explain.
2. Would you describe yourself as a competitive person? Would your spouse agree? Or your children?
 - a. How does our society typically feel about the words “surrender” and “humility”?
 - b. How do these concepts present challenges to us at work, school, and home?
3. Jesus remained focused on his goal every minute of every day of his entire life. We obviously struggle with that. What is something we can do to help each other stay focused?
 - a. Paul took advantage of his time while blind to get his focus in the right place. What is the best place/way for you personally to reset your focus on important matters?
4. Who comes to mind when we start talking about those for whom we struggle to “consider better than ourselves”? Close by praying for our hearts and attitudes for these people.