



MESSAGE SERIES GUIDE

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FOR LEADER:

In preparation for group discussion, take a few minutes to read through the scriptures and discussion questions

MESSAGE RECAP:

It can be difficult to deal with control freaks, and it can be equally as difficult to give up control in our own lives to allow God to work. In this message, we will learn how to humbly allow God to lead our lives.

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SCRIPTURE TO READ:

Matthew 16:21-25 (NIV)

ADDITIONAL:

Philippians 2:3-8, Genesis 26:30-31 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Do you know anyone who is a control freak? Any chance that you are the control freak in your family or group of friends?
2. What makes a relationship with a controlling person difficult?
3. Consider those relationships you have, and ask yourself how you got into that situation. Is that relationship life giving or is it life taking?
4. From what you know about Jesus, how did Jesus approach controlling people? Give an example if you have one.
5. Read Matthew 16:21-25 (NIV). See how even Peter could be controlling and discuss together.
6. Ask yourself, what are you trying to control in your life that you know you shouldn't be? If you gave that control over to God, how would it change you?
7. Read Philippians 2:3-8 (NIV). How did Jesus relinquish control and what did He relinquish control of?
8. How do we give up control in the way Jesus did?
 - a. Check your heart
 - b. Check your motives
 - c. See value in the other person
 - d. Accept humility
 - e. Pay the price for what is right