



Giving Up – Giving In – Giving Out

Focus God wants each of us to live an abundant life. When we give up to God and give in to His ways, then we'll be empowered by the Holy Spirit to give out to others and experience the abundance God makes available to us.

Open Would you rather lead or follow? Why?

Read God's desire is for each of us to live an abundant life filled with peace and joy. But the Devil works hard to steal away our abundant life—to steal our keys—by working to stop us from encountering and surrendering to God.

In Isaiah 6:1–8, Isaiah had three visions: He saw the Lord, himself and others—each as they really were. This encounter led Isaiah to give in, to give up His life to the Lord and to give out to others. To experience an abundant life, we need to see God, surrender our self-righteousness and allow His wisdom to direct us so we can be anointed to give out to others.

- Talk**
1. Why would a cloudy vision of who God is create a hesitancy to give up control of our lives to Him?
 2. Describe a time when you saw something about God or had an encounter with Him that changed your perspective about yourself or the way you interacted with God. What did you see about Him that prompted the change?

3. Read Matthew 16:24. What is the difference between denying yourself and dying to self (taking up your cross)? Why are both necessary to experience abundant life?
4. Why can you not give out to others in a healthy, meaningful way until you give up and give in to God?

Live

1. What is your favorite way to give out to others (financially, through acts of service, through teaching, etc.)? Why?
2. Which do you find most challenging: keeping your heart surrendered to God, living according to His ways (not your own) or walking in God's plan to use you in the lives of others? Why? What is one thing you can do this week to take another step forward?

Pray

As a group, pray for each other. Ask God to show you who He really is. Invite Him to show you more of Himself. Ask for His grace and mercy to be evident in your life. Pray for greater clarity and wisdom for your daily life. Ask for His anointing to be upon you to give to others out of the overflow of what He's doing in each of your hearts.