

Sermon Discussion Guide

January 5, 2025

Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.

Key Point: Jesus desires our surrender.

Life Sharing: (answer one)

- 1. What is your favorite part of starting a new year?
- 2. What is one thing you would like to bring with you into 2025?

Transition / Open in prayer

3. What are you asking God to do in your life in 2025?

Life Examination:

READ John 11:45-53

4. Why did some believe in Jesus while others did not?

- 5. What were the religious leaders afraid would happen if they did not stop Jesus?
- 6. What was the role of the High Priest?
- 7. What does verse 52 mean? Who are the scattered children of God? What does it mean to "make them one"?

READ Isaiah 49:1-9

- 8. Isaiah is referring to himself in these verses. They also point toward Jesus. What are some ways these verses point toward Jesus?
- 9. What does Isaiah think about himself and his influence according to these verses?
- 10. What do the promises of verse 8 and 9 mean?

Life Application:

- 11. What has helped you to believe in Jesus?
- 12. What are some areas of your life that you are learning to surrender to God? What is required for a person to surrender control over to God?
- 13. When has God surprised you in the ways He can work through you or speak through you into the lives of others?
- 14. As you look ahead to 2025, what are some of the "small things" you hope God does in you and through you?
- 15. What is one thing you can do on a weekly or daily basis to experience more surrender in your life?

Life Prayers: Pray for one another and ask God to move powerfully in 2025.