

FULLNESS OF LIFE FOR EVERYONE.

BY PRACTICING THE WAY OF JESUS TOGETHER

September 22, 2024 Practicing the Way of Jesus Together | Luke 18:18-30 Sheleena Boulianne & Linda Stover

S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we looked at the second half of our vision statement *practicing the way of Jesus together* and how it is not programmatic, but rather, about cultivating an integrated life of surrender in our minds, hearts, and actions.

R E A D

Luke 18:18-30 | Romans 12:1-2

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read,

D I S C U S S

Read Ephesians 3:14-21. Two weeks ago, Wade talked about *fullness of life for everyone* through the lens of being rooted and established in love.

- 1) In what ways does this resonate with you? In what ways does it challenge your views on what a full life looks like?
- 2) When you hear about practicing the way of Jesus, what kind of reactions do you have now, or have you had in the past? Why?

Linda and Sheleena discussed why the rich ruler seemed unable to surrender to Jesus' invitation.

- 3) How do you react to the idea of surrender being an invitation?
- 4) What are some barriers you have in surrendering to Jesus?

- 5) As you think about surrender in terms of our *minds being renewed*, our *hearts being transformed*, and *being responsive in our actions*, discuss which areas of surrender comes most naturally. Which are the most challenging?
- 6) What does coming together as a community around the values of humility, curiosity, loving restraint, and healing look like for you/your group?

R E S P O N D

Recall/share stories of surrender where God has proven faithful to you. Celebrate that together!

Reflect on an area growth your conversation has unveiled and commit to how you can cultivate an integrated life of surrender in the coming week.

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

P R A Y

Pray Ephesians 3:14-21 over each other in light of the barriers to surrender shared.

Pray for SPAC's journey as a community in the area of Justice & Compassion and Truth & Reconciliation – that we would learn to surrender to Jesus as a community.

Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.

