

WEEK FOUR: OPEN 24/7

CONVERSATION STARTER:

If you suddenly lost two hours of your day, how would you adjust your life?

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READ & DISCUSS: [Luke 12:33](#)

What would it look like to live out this verse today?

ASK GROUP MEMBERS TO READ:

Mind. Heart. Hands.

We've spent the last few weeks discussing how each one affects the other. Our thoughts affect our motivations, and our motivations affect our actions.

This week we will look at what it means to be Open 24/7. Elisha is a great example of what it means to be Open 24/7. Elisha is in a field, plowing with 12 yokes of oxen, when Elijah comes calling. At Elijah's call, Elisha immediately stops plowing and runs after Elijah. Elisha only returns to sacrifice the oxen and burn the plows. (1 Kings 19:19-21) There was no plan B for Elisha. He lived open-handed 24/7. He was ready the moment God called through Elijah.

Nothing we have is ours, and Elisha lived his life in a way that acknowledged that. He knew that obedience to the Lord, even at the cost of everything he owned and the relationships he loved, would be worth it.

Christianity is a movement of generosity. We should live our lives open-handed 24/7 and be ready the moment the Holy Spirit prompts us. Would you be willing in any season, at any moment, to sell your possessions to walk in obedience? It may feel like God wants something from you, but more than that, he wants something FOR you. But he cannot place his good gifts in your hand until you are ready to surrender the things you're holding onto.

Just like we learned last week, when we take Jesus at his word that he is better than anything else we hold, we find what a joy it is live generously with the things we've been given.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Last week we asked, “What in your life are you white knuckling that you need to surrender to God?” Have you taken any steps to surrender that? How do you anticipate the Lord using your surrender?
- 2) When was a time you felt prompted to obey the Lord and give in a season or at a time that didn’t make sense? What was that like?
- 3) The blessing often comes after obedience. Share about a time the Lord blessed you after you followed Him in obedience.
- 4) What would it look like to be obedient and surrendered 24/7?

INSIDE THE BOX

- 1) Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal one area where he wants your obedience.
- 2) Read each passage and highlight what sticks out to you.
- 3) Pray the Holy Spirit would help you be humble and obedient.

- **LUKE 12:32-24**
- **1 KINGS 19:19-21**
- **2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8**
- **PROVERBS 11:24-25**
- **MATTHEW 26:6-13**