

## ***Week Five Rundown for Small Groups***

1. Distribute and discuss the Simple Life Participant Guide – Week Five

2. Attendance at one of the worship services each week of the series to hear the Pastor on the subject is very important to your being able to lead the session. Please make attending a priority. If attendance is not possible in the service, please download the podcast and view it before your teaching session. This will greatly help in your teaching.

### **Upcoming Simple Life Topics**

10/30- Simple Family  
11/6 - Serving By Design  
11/13 – Living Within Your Means  
11/20 – Imagine

### ***Things to Keep in Mind:***

1. Have you identified a leader in your group? Someone who may be ready to take their step into leadership? Look again.
2. Are you planning a finale? A great last session to send everyone off with a love for your group?
3. ***How has conflict been a part of your small group this semester?***  
***Any conflict that you have had to deal with and help to guide and lead your small group? Tell about it.***
4. How do you handle transitions? Do you have a difficult time with change is brought into your world? Well, transitions are important and you can make your group move seamlessly from this semester to the next. Prepare them for the changes.

### ***Upcoming Steps of Commitment***

- ***Believers' Baptisms***
  - o Twenty minute prep meeting after worship services on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

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- ***Membership***
  - o If you've been attending Getting Connected, been baptized as a believer and submitted a membership application, you can be received into membership during our worship services on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Small Group Leader Tip***

## **Operate in Joy!**

The disposition of the leader powerfully drives the disposition of the group. When you adopt a joyful and celebratory disposition throughout the study, others will follow. When you smile, when you're upbeat, when you're genuinely excited to be leading, when you celebrate successes, it will infect the group – and that will significantly improve the experience for everyone involved.

As you know, though, joy doesn't just happen. It's not something you can engineer on demand, nor is it something you can fake for very long. Rather, real joy starts with seeing clearly the opportunity with which God has blessed you. You have been commissioned to help Him make people's lives better through leading this study. Your work with this group is, in fact, a sacred ministry. This sort of perspective leads to gratitude for the opportunity, and out of gratitude flows joy, both in your preparation and in your leadership of the discussions.

SO, start by asking your group members two simple questions:

1. How do you experience me as your leader?
2. What can I do to make this group experience more joy-filled for you?