

Week Two Rundown for Small Groups

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

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.

Upcoming Simple Life Topics

10/9 - Simple Priorities
10/16 - How to Say "No."
10/23 - Relationship Status: Simple
10/30 - Living Within Your Means
11/6 - Serving By Design
11/13 - Keeping Life Simple
11/20 - Imagine

Things to Keep in Mind:

1. Encourage an exchange of prayers for your group. People can be praying for one another. Some will be facing depression, job loss, relationship issues, financial burdens and so much more. While you have limited time, if everyone in your group is praying, more prayer will be sent to the Father through your group.
2. Provide safety and security for your group members:
 - a. Deal with diminishing comments directly
 - b. Create a place for discovery – that includes YOU!
3. Call on your coach with questions or concerns.
4. Trust God, through the Holy Spirit, to transform lives.

Upcoming Steps of Commitment

- *Getting Connected*
 - o The next Getting Connected is Sunday, October 16th from 9am to Noon in room 406.
- *Believers' Baptisms*

- o Twenty minute prep meeting after worship services on Sunday, November 13th.
- o Baptisms conducted during the worship services on Sunday, November 13th.
- *Membership*
 - o If you've been attended 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 4th.

Small Group Leader Tip

REFLECTIVE LISTENING

Definition: The art of directing sharing from one group participant to another participant to encourage members to listen to one another and to gain additional insights on questions asked.

Reflective Listening in Action:

Leader Question: How does worshipping God demand our highest priority?

Group Member #1: Well, if we were created by God for His honor, then it should be our most important concern that we are worshipping and reporting back to God.

Leader Response: That's an interesting perspective, John, what do you think about that?

Group Member #2: I guess I agree with that, but honestly, when I am in the heat of a day, I'm not sure I am always in touch with God's honor for my life.

Leader Response: Thanks for your honesty John, I'm wondering Michelle, do you identify with what John just shared?

Group Member #3: Oh yeah. I sometimes get to the end of a work day and realize that I did nothing the entire day to acknowledge God's work and presence in my life.