

Week Two Rundown for Small Groups

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

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

10/16 - 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. Call on your coach with questions or concerns.
2. Trust God, through the Holy Spirit, to transform lives.
3. What do you see in your group? Among the needs you see, are you also seeing a potential leader? Someone to lead a group of their own next semester? Do you think Christ sees a leader among your members? Who is it? Can you see them? Identify them?
4. How do you bring at least one Uproarious Laugh to each of your gatherings? A silly game? A fun joke? A personal story to bring laughter and tears to eyes? Joy is an emotion that people remember. Bring some levity. Make someone's day.

Upcoming Steps of Commitment

- *Getting Connected*
 - o The next Getting Connected is this 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

The NAME GAME

One of the benefits of being in a small group is attending the large weekend gathering and recognizing someone from your small group. It makes the large gathering seem more like family and home than a large gathering of strangers.

But, it can be embarrassing for someone to see another member of their group on the weekend and not be able to call them by name. SO, let me suggest a game. I call it the name game.

Go around the group. Each person says their name out loud. The other members of the group suggest words that rhyme – like, "I'm Jane"! Members say, "Pain, Slain, Gain, Train, Main, Complain, Terrain", and so forth and so forth. Then, everyone says, "Hi Jane"!

After everyone has a chance to do this, go around the room, and let everyone call all the other members by name. It is amazing how quickly the group can learn multiple names with this method of association using rhyming words. AND the big benefit is that when they see one another on the weekends in church, they can say boldly, "Hi Jane"!

Give it a try. Let me know how it goes friends.