COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

SIMPLICITY OF STUFF - 10/6/2024

COMMUNION

- At some point during your gathering, take communion together.
- Share a Scripture about God's generosity to us in Christ or use Philippians 4:19
- · spend a moment in silence to experience the presence of Christ

REVIEW

- Simplicity and Generosity are the practices that help us be rich towards God while stewarding financial wealth
- Simplicity is about learning self limitations (what Jesus called self denial) and generosity
- Luke 16 parable: the truly wise and strategic person will spend the temporary wealth God has given them in a way that stores up the kind of treasure that will last forever
- Simplicity is not an anti-wealth, anti-stuff, anti pleasure message. Simplicity is about limiting the number of our possessions, expenses, activities, social obligations <u>so that</u> <u>our heart is set free to enjoy life with God</u>

DISCUSSION

- 1. How did the Simplicity of Speech practice(s) from last week go?
- 2. In which situations did you find it most challenging not to speak? Or in which situations did you find it most challenging to speak up?
- 3. Did you discover anything about when and why you most want to speak? Or, when and why you most want to keep silent?

Read: 1 Timothy 6:2-19

- 4. Has the idea that "more is better" been part of your life or upbringing? How has that idea impacted you, if at all?
- 5. When in life have you been most content? Did contentment take intentionality, or come naturally?
- 6. Is generosity part of your current financial practice? How does giving money away affect you?