

# THE WAY FORWARD: SIMPLICITY

*Life Group Questions | Sunday, September 20, 2020*

What does the word “simplicity” mean to you?

**Read Mark 10:17-22.** As you read, take the perspective of Jesus. What do you imagine Jesus was thinking and feeling? Read the story again, taking on the perspective of the wealthy man. What do you imagine he was thinking and feeling?

What questions does this story bring up for you? What insights?

**Read Mark 10:23-31.** The kingdom of God is bigger, more beautiful, more important, and more real than our possessions, and yet, our possessions have a serious potential to hinder our ability to see the fullness of it.

What is your vision of God’s Kingdom—both in this present age and in the age to come? How does your vision of God and God’s Kingdom shape the way you relate to your possessions?

Simplicity is both inward and outward. Our hearts influence our actions, but our actions can also influence our hearts. **Discuss the following simplifying practices.** What practice will you explore this week?

1. Prioritize the most important things. What are your *Big Rocks*?
2. Develop a habit of asking, “*What itch does this scratch?*” when it comes to your purchases/possessions.
3. Give something away.

*This biblical instruction [of simplicity] is not meant to destroy us, but to set us free. It is the glad trumpet call of liberation to all who are oppressed by reputation, wealth, and power. — Richard Foster*

What might freedom look like, feel like, in this area of your life? Bring that desire before God in prayer.

**Pray together.**