REAL SIMPLE. // WEEK 3 GROUP GUIDE 5.28.2023



SERIES OVERVIEW

The foundation we build our lives upon determines the stability and destination of our souls. Simplicity is an exercise in trust, forcing us to adopt a faith-filled, eternal view on our resources. As we trust more deeply in God's promises for eternity, our lives and hearts become less cluttered with stuff and more Christ-like in simplicity.

BIG IDEA

This week we're getting real simple with *stuff*. The true test on how we view our stuff is whether it makes us proud or grateful. If it makes us proud, then we view it as "ours" and if it makes us grateful then we view it as God allowing us to be the steward of His blessings.

ICEBREAKER/CHECK-IN QUESTION

If you could instantly become an expert in anything, what would it be and why?

DISCUSS

- Share one or two thoughts that stuck out to you from this week's message.
- Has there ever been a time in your life when someone was surprisingly generous to you? Share with the group.

READ LUKE 21:1-4

- Share an example of a time when you were hesitant to be generous. What motivated you to overcome that hesitation? How did you feel afterward?
- What does this passage teach us about generosity? How can we apply this teaching to our own lives?
- What are some practical ways we can cultivate a spirit of generosity in our lives, even when it feels difficult or inconvenient?
- Why is it important to give not only financially, but also with our time, talents, and resources? How can we use all of these things to bless others and bring glory to God?
- How can we encourage and support each other in our individual journeys toward greater generosity?

PRAY

God, we are reminded of the call to live lives of radical generosity that please You. We ask for Your guidance and strength as we seek to be faithful stewards of the resources You have given us. Help us to cultivate a spirit of generosity in our hearts, and to give not only financially, but also with our time, talents, and resources.