



RELATING AND DATING WITH GOD'S SIMPLE PLAN

Week Two

September 29

INTRO

We will be doing this series until the end of November. We be focusing on our relationships and trying to discern what God's desire is for all our relationships... not just dating, but our relationships with our parents, family, friends, ourselves and others. Throughout the whole series we will be looking at four foundational things that we need to keep in all our relationships if we are going to keep them free from complications. The first four weeks we will be unpacking these four things.

GETTING STARTED

Last week, the first first foundational thing we looked at was our priorities. One Thing.

This week we are looking humility and self-lessness

SCRIPTURE

- Luke 9:23-25 - *Deny ourselves and take up our cross*
- Philippians 2:1-11 - *Following Christ's example...*

QUESTIONS

Review

1. How did the challenge from last week to live for ONE THING affect your live this past week? How did it affect your relationships?
2. What do you remember from last week... what have you applied to your life?

This Week...

3. The first foundation was “Live for ONE THING.” The second foundation for Simple Love is “Cling to Cross.” What does this mean?
4. Clinging to the cross is not just one big thing that we do when we become a Christian, it is also a lot of little things that we do every day. What does this mean?
5. What are some of the “little crosses” that we need to cling to each and every day? What does this look like practically in our lives?
6. How does “Clinging to the Cross” affect our relationships? Why would it be foundational for all our relationships?
7. How do you think “Clinging to the Cross” will help create “Simple Love”
8. Everyone was given a card with some questions on it that can help us discern if our focus and priority is God and not other things. Go over these questions, how can asking ourselves these questions help us each day?

- What “little crosses” do I need to cling to today?
- Which ones do I really not want to cling too? Why?
- Where am I insisting that I get my own way?
- What agendas, plans or desires to I need to give up to God?
- Am I letting God lead me to the Cross?

9. What do you think... is this humility/”cling to the cross” thing actually something that can affect all our other relationships... or just a churchy thing that we supposed to teach and say, and it really won’t impact our other relationships? Be honest! What do you think? Yes or no? Why or why not?

APPLICATION

Cling to the Cross and Cling to the little crosses... what will that look like this week?

Last Week

What could keep you from keeping God as your number priority... What will you do about this?