

The Secret of Simplicity

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Review

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Key Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 11:3; Matthew 22:34–40; Ruth 2:11

Discuss

1. Would you describe your life as simple or complicated? What are some things that make life more complicated?
2. Read Matthew 22:34–40. What does it look like practically to love God and love people?
3. Why do we often get caught up in what we *do* rather than who we *are*?
4. How does making a commitment to someone cause your love for them to grow?
5. Why did God give Adam and Eve a choice of which fruit to eat in the garden?
6. How does the power of choice allow us to know and experience love?
7. What are some choices we can make to show our love to God?
8. What are some choices we can make to show our love to others?
9. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?

Takeaway

As we conclude, remember the following:

- The secret of simplicity is love.
- The secret of love is commitment.
- The secret of commitment is choice.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for choosing to love us. We choose to love You and commit our lives to You. Help us grow in our commitment and love, and help us show love to one another. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Leader Tip

God never intended for us to go through life alone. To be a healthy leader, it's vital for you to receive healthy feedback and insight from other people in your life. Pray and ask God to show you a godly friend, counselor, or life coach you could meet with regularly as you lead your group. Their support and encouragement can help you stay emotionally healthy and thrive in your leadership. If you're interested in receiving counseling, reach out to your Gateway leader to learn about possible counseling opportunities.

Group Dynamics Idea

As your group nears the end of the semester, start planning for a fun final group celebration! Enlist a few people to help you plan, and ask everyone to sign up to bring a food item. You might want to meet at the lake, a park, or someone's house, but let this be a time of games, laughter, and enjoying fellowship together!