



Simplify Part 2 - What God Wants From You

CONTENT:

Do you ever feel like following Jesus is complex? Explain.

Read Matt 22:34-40

What does, "All the Law and the prophets hang on these two commandments." mean?

LEADERS NOTE: "All the Law and the Prophets" was a way of saying the whole Old Testament. Jesus is saying that all of the commands in the Old Testament can be summed up into just 2 commands.

What does Jesus say the greatest commandment is?

What are the different ways that we are told to Love God?

What does it mean to love God with all our heart?

LEADERS NOTE: To love God with all our heart is to love him at our core.

Read Mark 7:21-23

What are some of the things Mark lists that our heart can be full of?

Do you think love for God can co-exist in a person's heart along with love for God? If so how would that look? If not what is the solution?

Back in Matt 22 what is the second way we are told we are to love God?

Read Psalm 23:1-3a

What does the Lord do for the Psalmist's Soul?

What is our soul?

LEADERS NOTE: The soul is the part of you that makes you God conscious.

How might we love God with our soul?

LEADERS NOTE: Loving God with your soul has to do with cultivating the spiritual disciplines in your life: Bible reading, prayer, fasting, etc.

How are you doing loving God with all your soul lately?

What was the third area God told us we are to love Him?

What does it mean to love God with our mind?

LEADERS NOTE: We love God with all our mind when we use it for His glory. Learning, studying, reading, growing our mental capacity helps us love God with our mind. This does not mean only studying the Bible. This can be anything, going to college or grad school, reading articles, taking classes to learn new skills.

Application:

Which of these three areas do you need to work on loving the Lord better this week? And how will you work on that?