

Follow Jesus.

Simplicity is reflected in our priorities, calendars, and possessions.

OUTWARD DISCIPLINES: SIMPLICITY AND SERVICE

Read Matthew 6:19-34.

- 1) Jesus tells his followers not to store up treasures on earth, but in heaven. He goes on to say that where their treasure is, their hearts will be as well. How would Jesus' followers have understood this?

- 2) Aside from just personal possessions, to what other treasures could Jesus be referring?

- 3) In verse 22, Jesus says that the eye is the lamp of the body, and that if the eyes are good, the whole body is full of light. What does Jesus mean?

- 4) Verses 25-32 provide a general promise of provision; in what context should we take that promise?

- 5) Verses 33-34 provide a general prescription of living a life of simplicity. Relate this to our church and/or home groups.

Read Matthew 6:1-4 and 20:25-28.

- 6) Similar to fasting, Jesus assumes that his followers will give to the needy: "So when you give to the needy..." How can this be a part of the church plant?

- 7) How can this play out in our home group?

Prayerfully consider how you can incorporate these spiritual disciplines (and others) into your personal life as a believer. How can we encourage their development in our home group?