



**...WITH JESUS**  
 Sermon 3: Simplicity  
 September 25, 2022

**SCRIPTURE:**

**Matthew 11:28**

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

**Lamentations 3:21-26**

<sup>22</sup> Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this:  
<sup>22</sup> The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. <sup>23</sup> Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. <sup>24</sup> I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!" <sup>25</sup> The Lord is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him. <sup>26</sup> So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the Lord.

**Psalms 34: 1-8**

<sup>1</sup> I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. <sup>2</sup> I will boast only in the Lord; let all who are helpless take heart. <sup>3</sup> Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness; let us exalt his name together. <sup>4</sup> I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears. <sup>5</sup> Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces. <sup>6</sup> In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened; he saved me from all my troubles. <sup>7</sup> For the angel of the Lord is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him. <sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!

**WARM-UP**

- Go back into your culinary memory. What would you say are some of the favorite "tastes" that you have enjoyed?
- If you got to pick your last meal on earth, what would eat? Where would you eat it? With whom? What would be the setting?

**(Below you will find the main points of this week's sermon along with discussion questions. Feel free to use, reword, or omit questions depending on the needs of your group and the time needed for prayer, care, and fellowship. Thank you for your leadership.)**

**Thought #1 – How do you behave when you want more of what you want more of?**

Verses: Matthew 11:28-30, Lamentations 3:21-26, Psalm 34:1-8

- How do you behave when you want more of what you want more of? How do you behave when you don't get it? If we're gonna be honest, let's be refreshingly honest. 😊
- When you think of the practice of simplicity as a spiritual discipline, what comes to mind? How can we practice simplicity?
- What typically keeps us from enjoying what God has given us to enjoy? Specifically, what is it for you?

**Thought #2 – Can you remember the Lord's faithfulness?**

Verses: Matthew 11:28-30, Lamentations 3:21-26, Psalm 34:1-8

- Have someone in the group tell their salvation story, and how they came to believe in Jesus.
- Have someone in the group tell of a time in their life when the Lord was faithful to them.
- As a group make a list of ways that the Lord has been faithful to you, your family, and/or church.

**Thought #3 – How can you cultivate a taste for the goodness of God and savor His gifts?**

Verses: Matthew 11:28-30, Lamentations 3:21-26, Psalm 34:1-8

- Have you ever cultivated a taste for something that you didn't like once, but

really like now? How did you go about doing that?

- How will you savor God's goodness this week? What would that look like for you? In other words, how will you enjoy what God has given you to enjoy?

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## How can we pray for each other this week?

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