

spiritual disciplines

PRAYER

CONFESSION

MEDITATION

STUDY

FASTING

SABBATH REST

SILENCE

SOLITUDE

SIMPLICITY

GIVING

SERVICE

WORSHIP

Week Six Pouring Out

Simplicity & Giving

- 1. What comes to mind when you hear the word, "simplicity"? How does the Christian tradition of simplicity differ from popular trends such as minimalism, capsule wardrobes, and tiny houses?
- 2. The discipline of simplicity doesn't teach that material things are bad just that they are finite and cannot ultimately fulfill us. How can we keep a balanced perspective on material goods?
- 3. How does simplicity draw us closer to Jesus and help us to enjoy Him more?
- 4. What are some ways you could incorporate the practice of simplicity into your life?
- 5. What was unique about how Israel was instructed to give? What were they supposed to do as they gave the first part of their crops?
- 6. When we discuss giving, we most often focus on giving financially, but Paul tells the Romans to "offer [their] bodies as a living sacrifice" (Romans 12:1). What are other ways that we can be generous toward God and others?
- 7. How does the practice of giving bring us freedom and allow us to enjoy Jesus more?
- 8. How are the disciplines of simplicity and giving related to one another?

Closing: Evening Prayer

L: Let us pray,

P: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.