

# Homework

## Simple Gospel

Fall 2025 | Week 2

Message Date 9/21/2025

### MY STORY

- 1) What's the best meal you've ever made where you knew you got it just right?
- 2) Have you ever left "meat on the bone" in life or faith — missing something God had for you because you stopped short?

### QUICK REVIEW

- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

### DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME

Read 1 John 1:9 (CSB)

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

- 4) Why is confession so key for purity of heart?
- 5) One of the things that Pastor Justin talked about was the things that we watch and listen to can contaminate our hearts. What are the types of things that this would include? Are there things that you call guilty pleasures that land on this list? How does it impact your heart?

Read John 14:27 (CSB)

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful."*

- 6) Why does being a peacemaker start with first having peace in your own heart?
- 7) Why do you think following Jesus inevitably leads to some kind of persecution?

Read James 1:2 (CSB)

*“Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials.”*

- 8) What does it mean to consider something? How can we “consider it joy” when we face various trials?
- 9) Is there something that we, as Jesus followers, can do to prepare ourselves for persecution?
- 10) Thinking about all eight of these Beatitudes, what is the single most important thing we can do to be them? What are the rhythms of your life that you have in place to do that? Is there something you need to start or stop to help you get there?

## CHAIR TIME TOOLS

Reflection questions for Chair Time: think about the following questions and pray through them with Jesus.

- 1) How is my relationship with Jesus really doing right now? Am I chasing “doing” more than “being”?
- 2) What do I need to stop feeding into my heart through my eyes and ears in order to grow in purity?
- 3) Is there someone I need to intentionally move toward to build a bridge of peace this week, even if it costs me comfort?