**Spiritual Simplicity Leader Guide**

**Session 6: In the Name of Love**

How can so many good things end up with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ outcomes?

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. Then I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now, we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

**1 Corinthians 13:8-13**

**How Does Love Respond to Misplaced Priorities?**

* The Practice – We have to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not allow the temporal good things to crowd out the eternal best things.
* The Thesis – Love is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Love is our #1 priority.
* The Reason – Because love\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The world wants to squeeze you into its mold. You will have to take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for your priorities to be where they need to be.

Where are your priorities right now in:

* Your relationship with your heavenly father?
* Doing life in community?
* Having a mission? Are you doing what God wants you to do>

Change will not occur by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your schedule.

The Solution – You have to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* Grow up in your talking.
* Grow up in your thinking.
* Grow up in your reasoning.

The Principle

* Cloudy vision leads to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Clear vision leads to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Discussion Questions**

* What spoke to you most from this session?
* In what ways have some “good” activities kept you and those you love from the best investment of your life and energy?
* What do you need to change in order to address misplaced priorities? In light of your answer, what is your next step?
* Chip said, “cloudy vision leads to complexity”. How is that true? He also said, “clear vision leads to love”. How is that true?

**Going Deeper**

* One of the ways for us to have a clear vision for our life is to come before God on a daily basis. Share with the group about you time along with God. What has been helpful and what are some of the barriers?
* Take a few minutes to honestly assess how your small group is doing at building true community. What steps could you take to deepen the authenticity of relationships within your group?
* To live out God’s priorities for your life, you need to be “on mission”. How do you feel God has gifted you to serve Him?