

Suggested discussion questions for

The Big Church Read

The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry

Session 5: Simplicity (chapter 9, p.177)

1. If you're being honest with yourself, do you agree with the gospel that says 'the more you have, the happier you will be'? At least some of the time?
2. Do you agree that your three material needs are as simple as food, clothing and shelter?
3. Did you think you struggled with materialism/consumption before you read this chapter? Did that change after you'd read it?
4. 'If you make \$25,000 (£19,500) a year or more, you're in the top 10 percent of the world's wealth. And if you make \$34,000 (£26,700) a year or more, you're in the top 1 percent.' If you do earn this much, does it shock or surprise you to find out how wealthy you are, relatively speaking?
5. Do you live by any of John Mark's 12 principles for simplicity (pp. 205-213)? Which appeals to you most, and least?
6. How did you feel about the suggestion of simplifying your closet/wardrobe?

