

# GBUMC COMPASS

A Weekly Worship Guide

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**"Friends in Christ exercising love, hope and grace to enrich all lives."**

## Sermon Recap

Living simply does not require a rice and beans approach, but it does require a close examination of what we rely on for satisfaction and self-worth. Sounds heavy, doesn't it? Don't let the idea of *living simply* scare you, though. Rather, let it be an invitation to discover that the satisfaction and self-worth we aim for are already at our fingertips. We just need to learn how to access it! Oh, and, does it mean that we should give only buy the essentials we need for living and give everything that remains to the church? It doesn't mean that either! But, living simply does invite us to see that our generosity in our church, community and world can be far more rewarding than anything we can buy or amass.

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*So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem; also my wisdom remained with me. Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had spent in doing it, and again, all was vanity and a chasing after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.*

-Ecclesiastes 2:9-11

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## Applied to My Life

Financial advisors will often advocate for creating a "bare bones budget." It's an exercise that can help you determine how much of an emergency fund you would need to survive for a month if you had no income (think basic human needs – not theater tickets). When doing this, many discover that their actual budget often reflects 2-3 times as much spending as what would be required for basic needs. Take time to do this exercise, and then ask yourself, *"am I using all of my resources to their fullest potential to add good into the world?"*



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## Other Worship Notes I Want to Remember: