SIMPLE SABBATH

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Sabbath is an invitation to <u>STOP</u>, <u>REST</u>, <u>ENJOY</u>, and <u>REMEMBER</u> that God is in control.

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Sabbath is an Invitation to ...

1. Sabbath is an invitation to STOP.

Genesis 2

² On the seventh day God had FINISHED His work of creation, so He RESTED from all His work. ³ And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when He rested from all his work of creation.

REST = Sabat - "to stop, to rest, to end, to remove"

Q: What do you need to STOP doing?

- Stop <u>IGNORING</u> the problem.
- Stop <u>BLAMING</u> others.
- Stop making <u>EXCUSES</u>.

Sabbath is an invitation to <u>STOP</u> doing and <u>ENJOY</u> being.

2. Sabbath is an invitation to REST.

Matthew 11 (MSG)

²⁸⁻³⁰ "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

Sabbath is doing <u>ANYTHING</u> that <u>RESTORES</u> your mind, body, and spirit.

3. Sabbath is an invitation to ENJOY.

Ecclesiastes 3

¹³ Every man should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of his labor, for these are gifts from God.

Sabbath is more than a <u>DAY</u> of rest - it's a <u>WAY</u> of life.

4. Sabbath is an invitation to **REMEMBER**.

Ezekiel 20

¹² And I gave them my Sabbath days of rest as a sign between them and me. It was to remind them that I am the LORD, who had set them apart to be holy.

Sabbath is a weekly reminder that <u>GOD</u> is in control and <u>YOU</u> are not.

Group Discussion.

Q: What's your biggest barrier to practicing Sabbath?

Q: What do you need to stop doing so you can rest?

Q: What's a simple pleasure you can enjoy today?