



## Acting Together

Use these prompts to bring a group together in heartfelt conversation about matters of simplicity and generosity. This set of conversation starters complements the stewardship theme, “Acting Together,” based on John 13:34-35.

### Talking about...

- What is Jesus actually saying here?
- What is the context of this passage?
- Name the ways in which Jesus’ imminent departure leads to distilled wisdom and an acknowledgement of the subject of death.

### Talking with...

- How do our divergent views lead to simplicity?
- When it comes to simplicity, with whom do you “act together”?
- If Jesus lived and died essentially alone, do you expect to die in the same situation? Why or why not?

### Talking in order to ...

- What keeps you from crossing the line between trying to save time and money and trying to save yourself?
- How does the poignancy and clear intent of Jesus’ words make a difference in this community?
- What would it take for us to make “Love One Another” our mission statement? Core value? How might this make things simple for our community?
- Name some examples of congregations sharing space with social service agencies and projects? Click here for a story from *The Christian Century* about a congregation in Sweden that did just that!  
[http://index.christiancentury.org/articles\\_preview.lasso?id=5225](http://index.christiancentury.org/articles_preview.lasso?id=5225)
- What witness could we make in our community via our church building? Sign board? Landscaping?
- What would it take for our group to get involved in caretaking initiatives at church? At a local non-profit?