

# PARTICIPANT GUIDE // WEEK ONE

## Series Big Idea

The greatest priority in the life of a Christian should be to develop a deeper relationship with God.

## Message Big Idea

Much of our relationship with God is within our control, so we need to be intentional about what we can control.

## Scripture

Proverbs 24:30-34; 2 Peter 1:3-11

## Ice Breaker & Opening Thought

1. Describe something (an activity, hobby or interest) that you used to do, but no longer participate in. How good would you be at it if you had kept at it? Do you regret it?
2. What does being intentional about deepening your relationship with God look like to you?

## Bible Discussion: Proverbs 24:30-34

<sup>30</sup> I went past the field of a sluggard, past the vineyard of someone who has no sense; <sup>31</sup> thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins. <sup>32</sup> I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw: <sup>33</sup> A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—<sup>34</sup> and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man.

1. What does this say about laziness/negligence as an ethical/moral issue?
2. Read 2 Peter 1:3-11. What are Peter's expectations of our moral development? How much is up to God? How much is up to you?

## Life Application

We are responsible to take the necessary steps to mature in our faith.

1. We all struggle to prioritize our lives properly. Why do you think that we easily set aside the development of their spiritual lives?
2. What do you think should be the intentional habit of a Christian to deepen their relationship with God?

## Challenge

All Christ-followers are called to be intentional about the development of their spiritual lives. What is the one thing you want to do better? Share what step you are going to take with your group. Pray for each other.