



Walk Wisely Proverbs 12:24

Check out one of these helpful resources:

How to Read Proverbs – Tim Mackie: <https://bit.ly/4ebfv2h>

Proverbs: The Art of Wise Living – Francois Lamprecht: <https://bit.ly/3yP6wnl>

God's Wisdom for Navigating Life Devotion – Timothy Keller: <https://bit.ly/4aLw41T>

Allow God to speak to you through his written Word. The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow, and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you need to use all the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!

KNOW (Build Relationships)

1. If you could instantly master any skill related to your work or daily tasks, what would it be and why?
2. What was your first job, and what did you learn from it? How did it shape your view of work?
3. Can you share a time when you felt particularly proud of your hard work?
4. Share a time when you saw God's hand in your work life. How did it impact your faith?
5. What is one hobby or skill you have diligently worked to improve?
6. Who in your life has modeled a strong work ethic for you, and how have they influenced you?
7. If you could give your younger self one piece of advice about work ethic, what would it be?
8. What does "diligence" mean to you in your everyday life?
9. How has your attitude towards work changed over the years? Why has it changed?
10. How do you balance work and rest in your daily routine?



GROW: (Grow Spiritually)

1. Read Proverbs 12:24 together: "The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor." What's your initial reaction to this verse? What does this verse say about the outcomes of diligence versus laziness?
2. Timothy Keller writes in "God's Wisdom for Navigating Life": "God is happy in his work, and we are made in his image. No wonder there is nothing more humanizing than good work, and no wonder God rewards it." How does seeing work as a reflection of God's nature change our perspective on diligence?
3. The sermon mentioned that "Before the Fall, work was part of the blessing." How does this idea align with or challenge your view of work?
4. We tend to want to achieve the most reward for extending as little effort as possible. How might this tendency affect our spiritual lives?
5. Read Colossians 3:23-24: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." How does this passage enhance your understanding of Proverbs 12:24?
6. How do we reconcile the need for diligent work with the understanding that poverty isn't always a result of poor work ethic? How can we balance the message of Proverbs 12:24 with showing grace to others?
7. Read Proverbs 6:6-8: "Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest." What lessons about diligence can we learn from this passage?
8. Discuss how spiritual sluggardness can impact our relationship with God. What might this look like in a person's life? How can we combat this tendency?
9. Considering Prov. 24:30-34, what are the consequences of neglecting diligence in our personal and spiritual lives?
10. Read Matthew 6:19-20. How can we balance diligence in our earthly work with investing in eternal things? How do these verses about storing up treasures in heaven relate to our work ethic on earth?



SHOW: (Live on Mission)

1. In what area of your life do you feel God is calling you to be more diligent? How will you respond to this call?
2. How can we encourage and support each other in cultivating a strong work ethic that honors God?
3. Pray and ask God to cultivate a heart that seeks to honor Him in your work ethic.