

Part I: Discernment

1. Wisdom

Group Discussion

1. Who around here do you trust to give you good advice?
2. What consequences, professionally and personally, have you seen when people lack wisdom?
3. How does the biblical view of wisdom challenge the modern understanding of success?
4. In light of Solomon's failure with Rehoboam, share the wisdom you gained from your family of origin and any additions or changes you would like to make in your own home now.

Table Talk (in your home)

What are some ways we could pursue wisdom in our home?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Who is the wisest person you know?

2. Fear of the Lord

Group Discussion

1. How does social media influence who we listen to?
2. How would you explain to a fourth grader that fear and love aren't antithetical?
3. How have you developed wisdom in various seasons of your life?
4. What practical wisdom is the Spirit trying to grow in you?

Table Talk (in your home)

What habits, decisions, or house rules show our respect, or fear, for God?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Who is the person you are most afraid to disappoint?

3. Mentors

Group Discussion

1. What life lessons have you learned from your parents that have served you well?
2. Who is or has been an important mentor in your career, spiritual growth, physical health, and relationships?
3. What qualities and qualifications do you look for in a mentor? In what area of your life right now could you use a mentor?
4. Who are three to five people you could or should invest in as a mentor? Who is one leader you would like to spend more time with because they make you better? Who has been the most influential mentor at work?

Table Talk (in your home)

Who is one leader in your life you would like to spend more time with because they make you better?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Who has been your most influential mentor at work?

4. Fools

Group Discussion

1. Just for kicks, how many synonyms can you come up with for the word fool?
2. What are some things the world would consider wise that the Bible would call foolish?
3. What are some healthy practices that would help you become more aware of potentially foolish behavior?
4. Based on Proverbs and the New Testament warnings, what practical steps can you take to avoid falling into foolish-ness, especially in spiritual matters?

Table Talk (in your home)

If you were doing something foolish, what would be the most helpful way for the people at this table to point it out to you?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Do you have a different idea of what counts as foolish behavior now than you did in your teens and twenties?

5. Wicked

Group Discussion

1. There is plenty of evil in our world. What are you seeing today that you find most troublesome?
2. Why do you think wicked people often rise to the top of their professions?
3. How do you reconcile the frustration you feel when the wicked prosper with the promises of Scripture that the wicked will ultimately face justice?
4. What obligation does the church have in being the moral compass for the world? What is your role in that?

Table Talk (in your home)

How can we represent what is right in a world full of people doing wrong?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What evil forces do you see at work in our world, and what do you think we should do about it?

6. Righteous

Group Discussion

1. How does this chapter shape your definition of righteousness?
2. How could accepting Jesus's declaration of righteousness for you empower you to do righteous acts for others?
3. What is one way you have benefited from righteousness?
4. How can pursuing social justice in business settings be a form of practicing righteousness?

Table Talk (in your home)

What could our family do to improve our community by helping the disadvantaged?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What could (or should) our community do to help the disadvantaged?

Part 2: Words

7. Truth

Group Discussion

1. How have you seen dishonesty negatively affect business, relationships, politics, education, sports, or the church?
2. When have you had to pay the price for a lie? Use the following definition: "A lie is any deceit in word, act, or silence."
3. Discuss this statement: "Truth-telling is more than a matter of doing the right thing; it's an issue of being the right kind of person."
4. How could allegiance to Jesus, the Truth, remove or reduce the temptation to lie?

Table Talk (in your home)

Come up with a household principle about truth-telling that you could put on a plaque and hang on a wall.

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

On a scale of 1-10, how important do you think honesty is for this organization?

8. Mockery

Group Discussion

1. Growing up, when did you experience the pain of unwarranted teasing? How do you ranted teasing?
2. Proverbs 9.7_8 talks about correcting a scoffer. How do you decide when to correct someone who is bullying or mocking another person?
3. Why do you think bullying is socially unacceptable, yet online and in political discourse, mockery is accepted?
4. How can you become more resilient to criticism?

Table Talk (in your home)

How should we protect one another from hurtful comments in our home?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

When does good-natured banter at work cross the line into mockery?

9. Gossip

Group Discussion

1. Proverbs 18:8 compares gossip to "delicious morsels." Why do you think gossip is so tasty to us?
2. How can gossip improve or destroy someone's social standing?
3. What should you do if someone gossips in front of you? How would your advice change if that person were a boss, a co-worker, a friend, or someone you are supervising?
4. What practical steps can individuals and communities take to reduce and prevent gossip?

Table Talk (in your home)

What should be our family rule if one of us is gossiping?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

How have you seen gossip reduce the effectiveness of a team?

10. Quarreling

Group Discussion

1. Proverbs 15:1 says, "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." When has this been true for you?
2. Why do you think family quarrels are often more intense than other disputes?
3. Proverbs 26:17 warns against meddling in quarrels not your own. How can we distinguish between helpful intervention and unhealthy meddling?

4. What are strategies to prevent disagreements from escalating into more serious quarrels?

Table Talk (in your home)

When we have a disagreement in this house, what responses are out of bounds?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

If you have a beef with someone, are you more likely to confront them, avoid them, or slander them?

11. Flattery

Group Discussion

1. When was a time you were overtaken by flattery?
2. What are the key differences between genuine compliments and flattery? How can we discern between the two?
3. How have you seen flattery used to manipulate people in various social circles—friendships, work, church?
4. What steps can we take to guard ourselves against the dangers of flattery?

Table Talk (in your home)

What is the greatest compliment someone in this family could give you?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Do you think some people give compliments to get something in return?

12. Boasting

Group Discussion

1. What is an example of a "humble brag" - something some one brags about in a roundabout way?
2. Why do you think it feels good to boast? And why is boasting so off-putting to those listening?
3. How can we shift from boasting about our achievements to expressing gratitude for God's blessings?
4. What are some practical ways to boast about our weak-nesses, as Paul suggested in 2 Corinthians 11:30?

Table Talk (in your home)

Why do you think people are put off when someone brags?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Do you think the company culture encourages or discourages bragging?

13. Reproof

Group Discussion

1. How would you rate yourself on both giving and receiving constructive criticism on a scale of 1-10?
2. How do you tend to respond to reproof: immediately, after an hour, after two or three days? What mental or emotional process do you go through?
3. How can we discern between loving reproof and a critical spirit?
4. Using the guidelines above, what is the most important change you need to make the next time you offer a rebuke?

Table Talk (in your home)

We are going to speak straight in this house. What ground rules should we set to minimize hurt feelings when we do? [These can be rules particular to individuals to fit their personalities.]

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Do you think you're good at giving and receiving constructive criticism?

14. Encouragement

Group Discussion

1. When has timely encouragement had a significant impact
2. If specificity is important for impact, what are some specific words that would most encourage you?
3. What is one practical way you could stand up for one person who can't stand up for themselves?
4. How can your small group encourage one another consistently?

Table Talk (in your home)

In one week, we will go out for ice cream if every person here today can write one encouraging thing about every other person at the table by then. Here's an erasable marker to write on a window. No one is allowed to write anything until tomorrow.

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Has someone encouraged you recently in a way that really stuck with you?

Part 3: Relationships

15. Parents

Group Discussion

1. How did your parents discipline you? What techniques did you or would you change with your kids?
2. What are practical ways we can emulate God's discipline in our parenting?
3. What positive impact did your parents have on your life that you hope to pass along to your kids?
4. What are practical ways to instill respect and honor for parents in children, especially in a culture that often promotes independence and self-reliance?

Table Talk (in your home)

What discipline practices in our home could we improve, remove, or replace?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What's one piece of advice from your parents that's had a significant impact on you?

16. Siblings

Group Discussion

1. How have you experienced sibling rivalry?
2. How has your spiritual family (church community) provided support and companionship in ways your biological family wasn't able to? Share specific examples.
3. What wisdom could you share with the group on managing difficult family members, particularly those who don't believe in Jesus?
4. What does it mean to you that Jesus is closer than a brother?

Table Talk (in your home)

What are some strategies we can use to promote harmony among siblings?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

How do you deal with tensions with siblings?

17. Spouses

Group Discussion

1. What was your model of marriage like growing up?
2. What's the best marriage advice anyone has ever given to
3. What's something you wish someone would have told you before you got married?
4. Ephesians 5:32-33 compares marriage to the relationship between Christ and the church. What practical steps can couples take to reflect this spiritual metaphor in their daily lives?

Table Talk (in your home)

What are some things you admire about the marriage in this home? What things do you wish were different?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What do you think are the key ingredients to a successful and lasting marriage?

18. Friends

Group Discussion

1. Who was your best friend growing up, and what made that relationship so special?
2. What criteria do you use to determine if a friendship is beneficial or detrimental?
3. Have you ever had to distance yourself from a friend because the relationship was unhealthy? How did you handle it, and what did you learn from the experience?
4. How can we cultivate a deeper friendship with God in our daily lives?

Table Talk (in your home)

What qualities should we look for in friends, and how can we model these qualities ourselves?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What qualities do you look for in a friend?

19. Influencers

Group Discussion

1. Who is the greatest leader you have personally worked with?
2. Which of these practices (diligence, advisers, sobriety) would most benefit you as a leader, and why?
3. Which of these practices (honesty, competence, loyalty, humility) would most benefit you as a follower, and why?
4. How does the concept of servant leadership, as modeled by Jesus, challenge our culture's view of leadership?

Table Talk (in your home)

Share what leadership qualities you admire in the people around this table.

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What qualities do you think are most important in a leader?

20. Neighbors

Group Discussion

1. How would you categorize your friendship with God? Besties, inner circle, colleagues, acquaintances, or Facebook friends?
2. How has your faith produced physical or mental health benefits in your life?
3. How was God's Word taught in your family of origin?
4. What can you do to cultivate a deeper friendship with God?

Table Talk (in your home)

What are some helpful ways we could read Scripture together in our home?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Do you think spiritual practices are important to mental or physical health? Why or why not?

21. Enemies

Group Discussion

1. Describe a time you reconciled with someone who initially opposed you. What were the keys that unlocked reconciliation?
2. In what practical ways can you demonstrate love and kindness to someone who has wronged you or holds opposing views?
3. How can we distinguish between genuine friends and those with ill intentions? Share strategies for navigating these complex relationships.
4. How can praying for your enemies change your perspective on and attitude toward them?

Table Talk (in your home)

Who is someone you need to pray for that you might not want to?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Do you think it's a good idea to be kind to someone who wrongs you? Why or why not?

22. God

Group Discussion

1. Have you ever had a problem with a neighbor? How did you handle it, and what did you learn from it?
2. What advice would you give a friend about settling issues with a neighbor?
3. What could you do this week to love a difficult person as you love yourself?
4. How can you contribute to building and maintaining trust among your neighbors, to make your community safer and more enjoyable?

Table Talk (in your home)

Who is your favorite and least favorite neighbor? Why?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What community programs serving the disadvantaged would you promote?

23. Leadership

Group Discussion

1. How have you seen negative influences shape your life, whether currently or in a past season?
2. How do you balance positively influencing others and protecting yourself from negative influences?
3. Which of the four red flags for friendships resonates with you the most? What other red flags have you had to look for.
4. Is there anyone in your circle you need to influence more? Is there anyone you need to allow less influence over you?

Table Talk in your home)

Which friend has the most influence on your behavior and attitude?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What red flag would make you cautious about befriending someone?

Part 4 Behavior

24. Adultery

Group Discussion

1. What is your primary language for showing and receiving love: acts of service, words of affirmation, receiving gifts, physical touch, or quality time??
2. Why do you think the most common trigger for adultery is feeling unappreciated by a spouse?
3. Reflect on Jesus's response to the woman caught in adultery (John 8:2-11). How does this story highlight the balance between justice and grace when dealing with sin?

4. What steps can we take to affair-proof our marriages and relationships?

Table Talk (in your home)

How can we support one another to ensure we all feel appreciated and valued?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What do you think is the biggest potential cost of an affair?

25. Drinking

Group Discussion

1. In what ways, if any, has your family suffered because of alcohol abuse?
2. How do you reconcile instances in the Bible where alcohol is used for positive purposes, such as in 1 Timothy 5:23 and John 2:1-11, with warnings against drunkenness?
3. How did Jesus attract drunkards, prostitutes, and tax collectors without compromising his values? How can we adopt his approach in our interactions with those struggling with addiction or other moral issues?
4. In Ephesians 5:18-21, how does the exhortation to be filled with the Spirit instead of getting drunk with wine offer a positive alternative to substance abuse? What practical steps can we take to live this out?

Table Talk (in your home)

What rules should we have as a household concerning alcohol?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

How do you determine if someone has had too much to drink?

26. Scheming

Group Discussion

1. When have you hatched a scheme to play a joke on someone?
2. How can we monitor our motives?
3. How can you recognize when someone is scheming against you?
4. What are some healthy responses when someone is scheming against you?

Table Talk (in your home)

How can we use the armor of God (Ephesians 6:11) to protect ourselves from the schemes of the devil and others? What practical steps can we take to put on this armor daily?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What signs might indicate someone is scheming at home or at work?

27. Anger

Group Discussion

1. Would you describe yourself as a pouter or a shouter? How long can you hold a grudge?
2. Which of Mayo Clinic's ten suggestions for anger management do you find most helpful?
3. Why do you think humans are incapable of righteous anger?
4. Proverbs 15:1 says, "A soft answer turns away wrath." How would you advise your kids or co-workers to apply this principle in their daily interactions, especially in conflict situations?

Table Talk (in your home)

What rule(s) should we establish as a family for expressing our anger in appropriate ways?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What advice would you give about managing anger at work?

28. Revenge

Group Discussion

1. Would you describe yourself as a pouter or a shouter? How long can you hold a grudge?
2. Which of Mayo Clinic's ten suggestions for anger management do you find most helpful?

3. Why do you think humans are incapable of righteous anger?
4. Proverbs 15:1 says, "A soft answer turns away wrath." How would you advise your kids or co-workers to apply this principle in their daily interactions, especially in conflict situations?

Table Talk (in your home)

What rules) should we establish as a family for expressing our anger in appropriate ways?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What advice would you give about managing anger at work?

29. Prudence

Group Discussion

1. Share a funny story illustrating when you lacked discretion.
2. Reflect on Proverbs 8:12. How do wisdom, prudence, knowledge, and discretion interrelate? How can we cultivate these qualities in our lives?
3. Which action step do you need to implement most: restrain your words, do hard things first, or perceive what is around you and predict what is ahead of you?
4. Who are the wisest counselors in your life right now?

Table Talk (in your home)

What are the hard things you need to do first?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

How would you define prudence for a teenager?

30. Moderation

Group Discussion

1. What is one area of your life where you lack self-control?
2. How does Aristotle's golden mean -finding a balance between extremes - help us lead more fulfilling and stable lives?
3. Where do you need to find more margin in your life (health, finances, time, emotional energy, etc.)?
4. If you were to fast in one area of your life, what would it be, and why?

Table Talk (in your home)

Where do you think we're most out of balance - screens, meals together, days off, house chores, diet, exercise?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What areas of your life would you say are most balanced, and What areas are most imbalanced?

31. Social Justice

Group Discussion

1. What one or two social justice issues are most important to you?
2. What individuals or groups would you have the most difficulty seeing as children of God?
3. Reflect on the idea that true religion involves caring for orphans, widows, and the poor. How can your small group or church better embody this biblical mandate?
4. How can we ensure that our efforts to help others are both compassionate and effective?

Table Talk (in your home)

What need could our family meet for someone in our neighbor-hood, church, or circle of influence?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What do you think is the most important social justice issue today?

32. Repentance

Group Discussion

1. What are some wrong directions you have taken in your life, and how did you decide to make a U-turn?

2. Who are you spiritually responsible for? Is there a need in this season to call them to repentance?
3. How does pride keep us from repenting, and what steps can we take to cultivate humility?
4. This chapter emphasizes restitution and reconciliation as the fruit of repentance. How have you seen or experienced these in your life?

Table Talk (in your home)

What does it look like to truly apologize and make things right?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

When is it right to call someone out for a bad decision or warn them when they're heading in a destructive direction?

33. Consequences

Group Discussion

1. When have the consequences of a decision been very different than you expected? (This could be a fun example.)
2. This chapter mentions that our chosen path reveals what's in us, not merely what's ahead of us. How do your past decisions reflect your inner values and priorities?
3. What practical steps can you take to anticipate the long-term consequences of your decisions?
4. How can mentors, elders, and other wise counselors help you determine the potential outcomes of your decisions?

Share an example of when someone helped you avoid a bad choice.

Table Talk (in your home)

What are some future consequences you'd like to avoid?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What are some lessons learned the hard way that you'd share with a friend or new employee?

34. Discipline

Group Discussion

1. What discipline did you receive growing up that led to you being disciplined today?
2. How open or resistant are you to discipline now?
3. How can you discipline yourself in exercise, finances, diet, or time management?
4. Reflect on the statement "You will either discipline yourself or be disciplined by others." How does this apply to your current life situation?

Table Talk (in your home)

How can we cultivate our spiritual disciplines of Bible study, prayer, and community involvement?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Do you consider yourself a disciplined person? Why or why not?

Part 5 Character

35. Love

Group Discussion

1. When did you first say "I love you" to someone outside your family? When did you last say it to someone outside your family?
2. How can Jesus's sacrificial love shape how we love others who are difficult to love?
3. Reflect on 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Which aspect of love mentioned is most challenging for you, and why?
4. How can we balance loving those who are difficult or different while still maintaining our own boundaries and well-being?

Table Talk (in your home)

In what practical ways can we lay down our lives for others in our daily routines?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

How would you define love?

36. Commitment

Group Discussion

1. What three things are you most committed to?
2. Why do you think commitment is so rare, and how can we cultivate it in our own lives?
3. Why do you think truth-telling is so vital to being a person of commitment?
4. How can you show commitment to God and others in small, everyday ways?

Table Talk (in your home)

What commitments do we want to be known for?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What would you say you are most committed to?

37. Joy

Group Discussion

1. Describe your perfect day.
2. How does understanding how God designed you change the way you think about pursuing joy in your daily life?
3. Our greatest joy is possible because of Jesus's deepest suffering. How can this shift in perspective influence your daily actions and attitudes?
4. How can gathering with other believers amplify the joy in your life?

Table Talk (in your home)

What is the one thing we do as a family that brings you the most joy?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

How do you think joy is different from happiness?

38. Peacemaking

Group Discussion

1. When you think of peace, is there a place that comes to mind (real or imaginary)? What is that place like?
2. How does the Hebrew concept of shalom differ from the common understanding of peace today?
3. How can we become peacemakers in our communities?
4. How have God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit brought peace into your life?

Table Talk (in your home)

How could our home become a place of peace-for ourselves and our guests?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What do you think it means to be a peaceful person?

39. Patience

Group Discussion

1. What challenges your patience most (traffic, kids, laziness, incompetence, etc.)?
2. How can patience be a powerful tool in influencing others, as Proverbs 25:15 suggests?
3. How does patient endurance differ from patience with people, and why are both important for spiritual growth?
4. How has your patience grown through suffering?

Table Talk (in your home)

How can we practice more patience with one another as a family?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Why do you think people are less patient than ever?

40. Goodness

Group Discussion

1. Who in your life embodies goodness? Why?
2. How does the distinction between righteousness and goodness change your perspective on the Christian life and your responsibility toward others?
3. Which biblical figure known for goodness resonates most with you, and why?
4. If goodness grows through kindness to others even more than religious activities, how can you expand your focus from "huddle activities" (such as prayer and church attendance) to practical actions that involve social service?

Table Talk (in your home)

If we are to move from buckets to funnels, what is one thing we could give to someone or do for someone in need that would help them experience God's grace?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What does having a good name mean, and why is that important?

41. Gentleness

Group Discussion

1. Who have you known that is both powerful and gentle? Describe what it's been like to be in their presence.
2. The New Testament highlights gentleness alongside other virtues like love and patience. How have you seen gentle-ness, love, and patience work together to grow character?
3. Where or with whom do you need to be gentler?
4. In what practical ways can you nurture gentleness in your speech and actions, especially when dealing with difficult people?

Table Talk (in your home)

When can we be gentler with our words?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Do you perceive gentle people as weak?

42. Self-Control

Group Discussion

1. What's one area of your life where you could be considered a control freak?
2. How has trying to control things outside your power caused frustration? What has helped you release control of those things?
3. In what ways is our culture lacking in self-control?
4. What practices, such as "do one more rep" and "choose one hard thing," would you suggest to help build self-control?

Table Talk (in your home)

Identify one area where you would like to have more self-control.

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

In what ways would you like to see people around you have more self-control?

43. Pride

Group Discussion

1. Describe a moment when your own pride led to a negative consequence. What did you learn from that experience?
2. How have you seen insecurity manifest itself as arrogance?
3. What, if anything, should we be prideful about? When does that become dangerous?

4. How can you recognize when you're being prideful?

Table Talk (in your home)

What should we take pride in as a family, and when should we call out pride?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Why do you think prideful people are off-putting?

44. Humility

Group Discussion

1. Who in your life exemplifies biblical humility by treating others with dignity?
2. Scripture says humility can lead to riches, honor, and life (Proverbs 22:4). How has humility created positive outcomes in your relationships or career?
3. Does insecurity ever prompt you to present yourself as more put together than you are? What problems has that caused you?
4. Philippians 2:3 calls us to "count others more significant than yourselves." How can you apply this principle practically to your relationships at work, in your family, or in your community?

Table Talk (in your home)

In this home, how can you put someone else's needs before your own?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

In what occupations do people struggle the most with humility?

Part 6: Wealth

45. Money

Group Discussion

1. Who taught you how to manage money wisely? If no one did, what do you wish someone had taught you?
2. How do you actively seek God more than wealth?
3. Money tells three lies; "You earned me," "I'm not enough," and "I will always be here to protect you." Which lie do you wrestle with the most?
4. If a teenager asked you, "How can I learn to be content with what I have?" what would you tell them?

Table Talk (in your home)

How can we practice contentment in our home?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Why do you think people struggle to be content with what they have?

46. Dishonest Gain

Group Discussion

1. Share a story about a time someone took advantage of you financially.
2. Why is dishonesty so tempting when it comes to financial gain?
3. Give an example of how this proverb has played out in real life: "Treasures gained by wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death" (Proverbs 10:2).
4. Why is contentment the antidote for dishonest gain?

Table Talk (in your home)

Where would you be most tempted to cut corners to gain financially?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Have you ever been tempted to cut corners to gain financially?

47. Greed

Group Discussion

1. Why do you think greed is so prevalent in our culture?
2. Proverb 1:19 says greed "takes away the life of its possess-ors." How do you see greed robbing people of life?
3. If you used the Greek definition for "greed" - "wanting-more-ish-ness" — where would it most apply to your life?
4. What practices might help you grow in contentment?

Table Talk (in your home)

What is one change we can make in our spending habits to reduce unnecessary expenses?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Do you feel pressure to keep up with others in terms of material possessions?

48. Debt

Group Discussion

1. How did your parents talk about bills and debt when you were growing up?
2. Does the advice you received about debt from your parents align with the wisdom of the Bible? Explain.
3. How does debt make us slaves, as Proverbs 22:7 suggests?
4. What could this group do to help relieve others' debt?

Table Talk (in your home)

What's the first debt we should pay off as a family?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What's the most practical advice you've received about debt?

49. Laziness

Group Discussion

1. What evidence of laziness do you find in yourself? If you're comfortable, please share.
2. How can we distinguish between lazy people and those who are oppressed or disadvantaged? How do we balance accountability with compassion?
3. What's the difference between healthful rest and laziness? How do we know when we've crossed the line from one to the other?
4. How can we encourage diligence where we have influence?

Table Talk (in your home)

What parameters should we establish to make our home a place of deep rest and hard work?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

How can leaders encourage a strong work ethic without burning out their teams?

50. Work

Group Discussion

1. Who is the hardest-working person you've ever met? Who is the "smartest"-working person you've ever met?
2. What impact does your faith have on your view of work?
3. How can our work be used to reflect God's glory and provide for others, within both our family and our community?
4. How can we pursue excellence in our work without turning work into an idol? What practical steps help you maintain a healthy balance?

Table Talk (in your home)

How can we honor God through our daily tasks?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

What advice do you have for balancing hard work and personal well-being?

51. Plans

Group Discussion

1. In what area of your life are you best at making plans (budget, schedule, business, vacation, projects, etc.)?
2. When have you seen God redirect your plans? How did you react at first?
3. How has wise counsel altered your plans (relationships, retirement, education, child-rearing, profession, etc.)?
4. How can we incorporate the needs of others into our own plans, and why might this align us more closely with God's will?

Table Talk (in your home)

What personal or family goals should we commit to the Lord in prayer?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Do you typically seek advice from others before making big decisions?

52. Generosity

Group Discussion

1. How have you experienced joy and freedom through giving? (See Acts 20:35.)
2. What causes most inspire you toward generosity?
3. How can you align your financial decisions with your eternal goals?
4. Have you set goals for tithing and additional generosity? If yes, how can you expand them? If no, what plan can you make?

Table Talk (in your home)

What causes or individuals can we bless this month?

Watercooler (at work or the gym)

Do you believe that generosity is a moral responsibility?