Application Questions:

Note: These questions are recommendations. You don't need to answer all of them and you may include some of your own questions.

Read Proverbs 6:1-11

1. In verses 1-5, the author describes a situation where his student has committed to an obligation that he cannot fulfill. Describe a time when you committed to something to could not uphold. What happened? What did you learn from that experience?

2. What boundaries do you need to put in place in your personal life so that you do not stretch yourself beyond what is reasonable for you to do?

3. Verses 6-11 warn about not having a boundary on the opposite end of the spectrum: not doing anything or much to help your family and community. What dangers are involved with being lazy? How does being lazy effect those around you?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:26. What boundaries do you need to implement in your life so that your actions (or inaction) will not cause others to suffer?

5. Is there anything else about the text/sermon that you would like to talk about?

My child, if you have given your pledge to your neighbor, if you have bound yourself to another,

you are snared by the utterance of your lips, caught by the words of your mouth.

So do this, my child, and save yourself, for you have come into your neighbor's power: go, hurry, and plead with your neighbor. Give your eyes no sleep and your eyelids no slumber;

save yourself like a gazelle from the hunter, like a bird from the hand of the fowler.

Go to the ant, you lazybones; consider its ways, and be wise. Without having any chief or officer or ruler,

it prepares its food in summer, and gathers its sustenance in harvest.

How long will you lie there, O lazybones? When will you rise from your sleep?

A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want, like an armed warrior.

I Corinthians 12:26

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

How can your Discipleship Group be praying for you?

Suggest Prayer Requests:

- 1. Pray that <u>we'd grow</u> in the areas discussed above. Try to be specific.
- 2. Pray that we'd <u>build each other up</u> in the Gospel; that we'd grow in humble, genuine holiness; and that Christ would be glorified.
- 3. Pray we'd have a greater love for our neighbors, that we'd have opportunities and the courage to <u>share the Gospel</u>, and that they'd find rest in Christ and follow Him.
- 4. Pray for a determination to <u>serve each other</u> especially in times of need.
- 5. Pray that we'd grow in our desire to worship God consistently with our community on <u>Sunday mornings</u> and throughout our lives.
- 6. Pray our children would love God and others and <u>that He'd use us</u> <u>to help them</u>.
- 7. Pray that God would raise more leaders in your Discipleship Group and that your Discipleship Group would <u>mature</u> to the point of <u>starting an additional Discipleship Group.</u> Pray for courage, selflessness, and wisdom in this.
- 8. Pray that we'd be so overwhelmed by Jesus' sacrificial generosity towards us <u>that we would also be sacrificially generous.</u>



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