



LifeGroup Discussion Guide

Unseen Sins - Sloth

Remember this page is designed to begin a discussion with your LifeGroup. It is not comprehensive. Allow the following questions to spur on deeper and fuller conversation, study, and discussion.

Go around and share your least favorite chore? What is the one thing that you will procrastinate on more than anything else? Why is this task so overwhelming to tackle?

Today's lesson sought to find the spiritual source of the sluggard's motivations (or lack of motivation). **READ: Proverbs 26:13** - What is the excuse the sluggard is using to avoid going out to work? What are some of the excuses we use to avoid work? Do you think our society has made it easier or harder for individuals to find excuses NOT to work? **READ: Proverbs 26:14** - What is the point of this riddle?

In our study we saw how the sluggard has failed to see the value in the field that was entrusted to him. Instead he valued the comfort of his bed. How does the riddle above relate to **READ: Proverbs 6:9-11**. What would you characterize as the best virtue of hard work? What does a person reveal about their values as determined by the character of their work?

We noticed some common themes concerning the observations from the wisdom of Proverbs and Jesus' parable of the soils. Rocky soil, thorny soil, and weeds. **READ: Matthew 13:1-9** - How are these soils like our hearts? What has been your testimony of improving the soil of your heart from rocky to good? What is the hardest part?

Our application emphasized the importance of taking responsibility for your soul. Why do you think so many people neglect the work required to prepare their heart for the seed of God's transforming Word? **READ: Proverbs 26:16** - Why is it so hard to convince a spiritual lazy person to change? **READ: Proverbs 3:7-8** - How does a "fear of the Lord" influence a person's ability to foster good soil in their hearts?

One of the best ways to seize responsibility back is to invite others to help you. Go around and share a testimony of how a friend or partner has helped lift you up and hold you accountable to be responsible? What was the key in the relationship that made you successful in guarding your heart?