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INTIMACY WITH GOD  
Discussion Guide

## BIG IDEA

God calls us to bring this world light and life. This requires an intimate, personal relationship with Jesus. Pastor Eddie Cole described four ways we can deepen the intimacy of our relationship with Jesus: Embracing the gospel, developing healthy rhythms, growing in our prayer life, and fighting to stay focused forward. It is time to shine bright in a world of darkness.

## SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- Matthew 5:14-16
- Philippians 3:5-10, 12-14 (NLT)
- 2 Corinthians 12:9
- Psalm 46:10 (NLT, MSG)

## TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- How can we experience a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus? Why is intimacy with God so important, especially in a fallen world? How do we maintain intimacy with God when it feels like He may be far away?
- What is the Gospel? Describe it in your own words. What would change in your life if you fully and truly embraced the Gospel?
- How can busyness keep us from having an intimate relationship with Jesus?
- What is prayer? How can I have a growing and effective prayer life? How often am I still enough to allow God to speak to me? What is my response when God answers my prayers?
- How will maintaining a forward focus improve our relationship with Jesus?

## APPLICATION IDEAS

- Ask each of your members determine the area they need to work on the most to improve their intimate, personal relationship with Jesus. Then encourage them to apply the idea below for their selected area:
  - Embrace the Gospel: What encouragement do you find from the Gospel promise that Jesus is King, and He's not finished yet?
  - Develop Healthy Rhythms: What steps can you take this week to recalibrate the rhythms of your relationship with God?
  - Grow in Your Prayer Life: Commit to worshipping more, listening more, bringing honesty to your prayer life, praying specifically, and paying attention when God answers.
  - Fight to Stay Focused Forward: How will you stay focused on what God has for you in the future?

## PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Ask God to reveal to each member how to create and grow an intimate, personal relationship with Jesus.

## LEADER TIPS

- Encourage your members to study Philippians with Lifepoint Church. You can find the reading plan and study method at [Lifepoint.org/kingdomculture](http://Lifepoint.org/kingdomculture).