



### PART THREE: SLOTH

Today, it seems like everyone is all about dreaming big. There is an entire industry that centers on selling people a dream lifestyle built on travel, money, and image. The problem with dream culture is that it often ignores the diligence culture that makes dreams come true. Hard work works. What is holding you back?

#### **BIG IDEA: If you look for an excuse you'll find it every time**

Spider = An agreement you have made with a lie

Cobweb = A “medication” that brings false comfort to a lie

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What goal have you been trying to accomplish this year? What bad habits have you been trying to stop? What healthy habits have you been trying to start? What do you think is holding you back?
2. Over the last 3 weeks, we have looked at 7 sins/spiders and 7 virtues. What has God taught you about how these spiders and virtues affect our lives? (Pride, envy, anger, greed, gluttony, lust, and sloth)
3. What does it mean to be slothful or lazy? How does it only focus on the present moment? What does it mean to be diligent?
4. With your Bible or Bible App, Proverbs 10:4, 10:26, 12:24, 13:4, 20:4.

*Lazy people are soon poor; hard workers get rich. Lazy people irritate their employers, like vinegar to the teeth or smoke in the eyes. Work hard and become a leader; be lazy and become a slave. Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper. Those too lazy to plow in the right season will have no food at the harvest.*

Proverbs 10:4, 10:26, 12:24, 13:4, 20:4 (NLT)

5. What jumps out to you in those verses? What do these Scriptures tell us about laziness and diligence?
6. With your Bible or Bible App, read Proverbs 3:5-6

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.*

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

7. How does diligence relate to trusting in God? What does it look like to depend on God while also “Rising early to a task”.

## WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Jesus didn't die on the cross so we could cope. He died and rose for our freedom. How can we as a group support each other this week as we choose to hunt down and kill the spider of sloth that is holding us back? How can we live out these 3 takeaways from the message?

1. Call laziness sin and repent
2. Your feelings are overrated
3. Diligent work is worship

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

*The lazy person claims, "There's a lion on the road! Yes, I'm sure there's a lion out there!" As a door swings back and forth on its hinges, so the lazy person turns over in bed. Lazy people take food in their hand but don't even lift it to their mouth. Lazy people consider themselves smarter than seven wise counselors. - Proverbs 26:13-16 (NLT)*

Kill the Spider



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