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1 LIFE engagement:

ONE aim: To see God at work in the relationships He has placed around us and join Him in His work. Praying for others in this and sharing stories builds our faith and gives us courage. Be patient and extend grace to one another as each one of you devotes yourselves to following Jesus' lead in your relationships. Everyone does not need to share each time you meet. Let God lead and do the work.

Pray for each other and their ONEs in your meeting time - you could partner up and pray, or have each person pray for the small group member and their ONE on their left or right, etc.

Discussion Questions

Read: John 16:7-8, 13; Ephesians 4:22-24

1. The “Scholar” pathway emphasizes loving God through learning, wisdom, study, and deeper understanding. When has learning something new about faith genuinely strengthened your relationship with God rather than just giving you more information?
2. In John 16, Jesus says the Spirit will guide people into truth. What is the difference between simply collecting knowledge and being spiritually transformed by truth?
3. Ephesians 4 talks about “putting off” old ways of thinking and being “made new” in the attitude of your minds. How do our thought patterns shape our spiritual lives — for better or worse?
4. Scholar-oriented faith can sometimes drift into pride, debate, or overthinking. What are some healthy ways to pursue knowledge while still remaining humble, compassionate, and spiritually open?
5. Some people connect deeply with God through books, theology, podcasts, or study, while others feel intimidated by intellectual approaches to faith. How can a church create space for thoughtful learning without making faith feel exclusive or academic?