

## Halfway There NOTES

“Have a Cool Summer”

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**Excellence isn't about \_\_\_\_\_ it's about \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**(Colossians 3:17 & Colossians 3:23-24)**

### Five Ways to be Better Connected to God

1. **Spend time in \_\_\_\_\_ with God. (Luke 5:16)**
2. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible. (2 Timothy 3:16 & Psalm 119:11)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ others. (Philippians 2:1-4)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself with other \_\_\_\_\_. (Proverbs 27:17)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ to God, \_\_\_\_\_ yourself, and \_\_\_\_\_ Him.  
**(Matthew 16:24)**

### **Go Deeper:**

1. Do you regularly check in with yourself and take stock of where you're at and how you're doing? Why or why not? Do you think checking in and evaluating your life and state is important? Why or why not?
2. Take a moment and think about where you're at and how your year has gone. What did the first half of the year look like for you? What were the good and bad? What do you want the rest of the year to look like? What would make it a success? What changes to you need to make? How can you set practical goals for yourself to get there?
3. What does it mean to you to do something with excellence? What is the difference between worldly excellence and Godly excellence?
4. Do you think your faith and the way you chase after Jesus drops off in the Summer? Why or why not?
5. What were the five ways we talked about to be better connected to God? Are there any you disagree with? Why or why not? Are there any other ways you'd add to the list?
6. Which one of the five are you best at? Why? What does that look like for you?
7. Which one of the five do you need to grow in? Why? What are some practical steps you can take to grow in that area?
8. To go even deeper with this week's sermon, join a Hills Group to discuss the questions above with other people in our community. To join or lead a Hills Group, visit [hillschurchnm.com/connect](http://hillschurchnm.com/connect).