

DEFINING MOMENTS IN OUR LIVES

PROVERBS 3:5-6

MAIN TAKEAWAY

The most defining moments in life are accepting Christ and fulfilling God's purpose. God is always working in our lives and getting our attention. The question is: are we paying attention?

INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

How do you define defining moments in life? How can you be aware of the ways in which God uses these moments in your life?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10. In what way do all Christians have the same testimony? How is each testimony also unique and personal?

UNDERSTANDING

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ PROVERBS 3:5-6

Michael Franzese shared his powerful story and talked about how Jesus changes everything. What part of Michael's testimony made an impression on you?

Think of your characteristics before you knew Jesus and how they are different now that you follow Jesus. How does God change hearts and shape character to be more like Christ?

Michael shared that Jesus is our Lord, Savior, and hero. How does this cause you to trust the Lord with your life? How can you look to God as the author of your story?

What happens when you trust the Lord and do not lean on your understanding? What does this look like in your life?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ PROVERBS 16:7

Michael said, “When you have a relationship with Jesus, He transforms you from the inside out.” Like Michael’s experience of making peace with his enemies, what transformations have you seen in your life?

Michael shared how the enemy meant evil for his life, but God used it for good (see Genesis 50:20). How does this cause you to view the difficult events of your life? In what way is your life a story of redemption?

Michael explained, “The enemy has two functions on earth: to separate us from God and to mock God.” How does a changed life in Christ illustrate how the devil has been defeated? How do all believers participate in God’s redemptive work (Mark 16:15)?

APPLICATION

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

Michael shared that his “life verses” are Proverbs 3:5–6 and Proverbs 16:7. What Scripture is particularly applicable and meaningful to your life?

In reflection of this message, what are some defining moments of your life? How has God used defining moments to shape you into who are today? How does this cause you to trust God for the future?

Michael shared how God is always working in our lives and getting our attention. However, are you paying attention? Are you fulfilling God’s purpose in your life?

PRAYER

Give thanks for the God-ordained defining moments of your life. Pray for wisdom to see how God uses these moments for your spiritual good and God’s glory.