



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of November 10, 2025

1. Who is the laziest person you've ever met or known? What actions or behavior proved beyond all doubt that this person was lazy? How did you feel about their laziness? Tell your story to the group.
2. Read Proverbs 26:13-16 from two (2) different Bible translations. What would you say is the Bible's overall perspective toward lazy people? Is the Bible sympathetic to or patient toward those who persist in laziness?
3. What ridiculous excuse does the lazy person offer in Proverbs 26:13 for why they can't get up and work? What are some of the worst excuses you've heard from people why they can't work?
4. Read Proverbs 13:4 and Proverbs 21:15. What do lazy people fail to grasp about the connection between "wanting" things and "having" things?
5. Explain the analogy of Proverbs 26:14 in your own words. While this verse uses the illustration of a wooden door--- what is the illustration drawn from nature in Proverbs 6:6-11? (Read Proverbs 6:6-11)
6. Fill in the blanks below. Some people are just so lazy, they can't even be bothered to accomplish what important tasks?

Proverbs 12:27 _____
Proverbs 20:4 _____
Proverbs 26:15 _____
Ecclesiastes 10:18 _____

7. What is the meaning of Proverbs 26:16? (Hint: Seven in the Bible is often a picture or illustration of completeness/totality. How does the lazy person put their smug stupidity on full display?)
8. Why should Christians be known for their hard work and energetic efforts? How would you explain the connection between a vibrant Christian life and a vibrant work ethic? Use these NT verses as part of your answer: 1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:23; 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12; Ephesians 4:28

Laziness is a pit that will keep you trapped in poverty, pain, and perpetual regret.