

Cultivate Discussion Guide
+ Bonus **60 Days to a Better Me Reflect & Respond**

Non-Negotiables | Love That Works
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Hey, Leaders! A few reminders as you prepare for group...

- Choose the questions that are most meaningful to you and will lead your group into REAL conversation.
- It's okay if you don't answer every question or if you want to incorporate questions from the weekly sermon notes.
- Encourage your group to cultivate God's word on their own by reflecting on the questions you don't cover in group.

Cultivate Truth: "Who can find a virtuous and capable [fill in the blank]?" Proverbs 31:10

Virtue and capability are admirable character traits, but finding a virtuous and capable – spouse, significant other, friend, family member, coworker, team member, etc. is not easy or effortless. Sometimes once we find them, rather than doing the hard work of cultivating a healthy relationship, we can excuse, condone or enable non-virtuous or less than capable choices/behaviors to avoid "rocking the boat."

#1: Have you ever settled for less than God's best because it was easier than working for the better, healthier option?

- **How did that impact the relationship – either immediately or in the long run?**
- **How did that compromise affect you and your future choices?**

Love works:

- hard at earning trust
- through conflict
- at finding opportunity
- at organizing life
- to make enough money to support my family needs, help others, build a savings and bless God.

#1: Who in your life has been an example of love that works in one of the above ways?

#2: What did you learn that you have or want to apply in your life or relationships?

#3: In which of the above ways do you believe you work hard now? Share an example.

#4: In what ways are you willing to work at growing?

- **What is a next step you can take to pursue that growth? Be specific – I want to start, stop, do something differently, etc.**

"Love is patient and kind ... It does not rejoice about injustice, but rejoices whenever the truth wins out." 1 Corinthians 13:4,6 NLT

#5: Do you have relationships in which you've worked through conflict and they've thrived as a result? Share a bit about what that looks like, specifically what part did patience, kindness and honesty play?

Cultivate Prayer: Begin your prayer time by confessing – either quietly to God or to your group – any areas where you've grown comfortable or even lazy in love. Remember, when we confess, the enemy has no power over us. Next, thank God for the abilities, gifts and opportunities you're grateful for. Then, ask Him for guidance as you cultivate a love that works – especially if there's an area you're struggling with. Last, ask Him for opportunity and desire to work hard SO THAT you can be blessed and in turn, bless and honor God.

60 Days to a Better Me

Reflect & Respond

We're in Week 7 of the 60 Days to a Better Me bible reading plan! Can you believe how far you've come in just over a month?! Whether you're reflecting on your own progress or having REAL conversation in community, share **what** you're learning and **how** you're changing.

- #1: Last week we read about Solomon's desire for wisdom above all other things. What are some ways you pursue wisdom in your life? Be specific – reading, prayer, seeking other wise people, etc.**
- #2: Each day, we're encouraged to "ask God" to show us a truth or reveal something we need to see. How has this process of actively asking impacted your personal relationship with God? Do you find you're hearing from Him more, less, about the same?**