

# **Perfection**

## Introduction

What really makes for a happy life? A new job, a bigger house, or a different relationship? If you're hungry for the next big thing but frustrated when it doesn't satisfy, you might be looking in all the wrong places.

## **Pray**

Don't forget that if anything significant happens, it's because God moved. Start by asking God to bless this time.

#### **Practice Truth**

- 1. What situations bring out your inner perfectionist?
- 2. Why do you think people struggle with unrealistic expectations for themselves?

### Leader's Tip

Ask open ended questions. If you've been provided questions and they are not open-ended, rewrite them! Try not to ask any "Yes" or "No" questions.

- 3. There are three types of perfectionism: self-oriented, externally-oriented, and others-oriented. When was the last time you struggled with one of these kinds of perfectionism? How did the struggle make you feel?
- 4. How can we focus on Christ and the work He's doing in our lives rather than on our desire to make ourselves better on our own?
- 5. How can we prioritize loving others over chasing perfection this week?

# Do Life Together

Look for ways to prioritize giving love and grace to those around you this week rather than pursuing perfectionism. Note: the one who needs the most love and grace this week might just be yourself!