



LIFE Group Discussion Guide

May 31, 2026

Proverbs 6:6-11

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What are some highs or lows you experienced this past week?
- What Scripture has been shaping you recently?
- Where have you seen God moving in your life this week?
- What did you hear in today's sermon OR read in today's passage that you would like to discuss?
- What did you learn about yourself in today's sermon/passage?
- What did you learn about God in today's sermon/passage?
- What convicted you as you listened to today's sermon OR read in today's passage?

OPENING

What is something you've gotten better at because you practiced or stayed consistent with it?

Most people don't wake up and decide to become lazy or careless. It usually happens little by little—putting things off, taking shortcuts, or drifting. In this passage, Solomon points to an ant as a surprising teacher and shows us that wisdom includes discipline and responsibility.

Today we'll learn that wise people don't drift through life, they live with purpose and discipline.

SCRIPTURE

Read *Proverbs 6:6–11* together.

Ask students to listen for:

- What the ant teaches
- What laziness looks like
- What warning Solomon gives

PASSAGE SUMMARY

Solomon says: “Go learn from an ant.” Why?

Because ants:

- Work hard
- Prepare ahead
- Don’t need someone constantly telling them what to do
- Stay consistent

Then Solomon warns against laziness—not just refusing to work, but drifting through life. Notice the phrases:

- “A little sleep...”
- “A little slumber...”
- “A little folding of the hands...”

The point is big problems often start with small patterns of neglect.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Why do you think Solomon uses an ant as an example of wisdom?

Because even something small can teach big truths. The ant shows discipline, initiative, and responsibility.

What qualities do you see in the ant that stand out to you?

Hard work / Preparation / Consistency / Self-motivation / Responsibility

What does laziness look like for students beyond just “not wanting to work”?

Procrastination / Doing the bare minimum / Avoiding responsibility / Drifting spiritually / Wasting time

Why do you think Solomon says “a little” over and over in verse 10?

Because small compromises add up. Drift happens gradually.

What are some areas where students can drift little by little without realizing it?

Schoolwork / Time with God / Friend choices / Character habits / Social media use

How is healthy discipline different from just being busy all the time?

Discipline is purposeful and wise. Busyness can just be filling time without focus.

Why do small habits matter so much in becoming the kind of person God wants you to be?

Because character is built through repeated choices.

APPLICATION

Where might you be drifting right now instead of being disciplined?

Encourage honest reflection.

What is one area where God may be calling you to grow in responsibility this week?

School / spiritual habits / relationships / time management

What is one small habit you can start this week that could help you grow spiritually or personally?

Read Scripture daily / Do work on time / Spend less distracted time online / Pray each morning

DIG DEEPER

Why do little choices often matter more than big moments?

How can laziness show up spiritually, not just physically?

What habits help build discipline over time?

How can discipline actually bring freedom instead of feeling restrictive?

CLOSING THOUGHT

This passage shows that wisdom isn't just about knowing the right thing. It's about living faithfully in the small things.

Strong character usually isn't built in big dramatic moments, it's built in everyday discipline.

Challenge students:

This week, don't ignore the "little things." Small faithful choices matter.

Give a moment of quiet reflection:
“God, help me live with purpose and not drift.”

LOOKING AHEAD

Next week we will discuss **Proverbs 18:21** as we continue our series, *Uncommon Sense: God’s Wisdom in a Foolish World*.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray together:

- Thank God for teaching us wisdom even through ordinary things.
- Ask Him to help students grow in discipline and responsibility.
- Pray against spiritual drift and careless living.
- Pray specifically for the invitation portion of our worship services—that hearts will be open, the Spirit will move powerfully, and people will respond in obedience to Christ.

COMMENTARY

Proverbs 6:6-11

6:6. A slacker is a lazy person (26:14) who hopes to sustain his life without actually working (20:4; 21:25)—he literally refuses to lift a hand (19:24). He makes excuses not to work (22:13). Unlike the oppressed (31:9), the slacker has brought his poverty on himself and is not an object of pity. His opposite is a diligent person (13:4). As the son listens to his father admonishing the slacker, he himself is warned against laziness (19:25). A wise person learns from observation.

6:8. This verse describes harvester ants that store grain in their nests.

6:9. Asking how long generally implies that something bad has been going on for too long (1:22; cp. Ex 10:3; Ps 74:10).

6:11. Poverty in this context is destitution brought on oneself (13:18; 28:19). It is not the same as oppressed people who are poor because of circumstances beyond their control, and who deserve pity (19:17). The robber is literally a “traveler,” perhaps a vagabond or drifter. The bandit is literally a “man with a shield,” an armed man. His attack is sudden and unexpected.