

## Resources:

**Alpha Course** – Oasis Church will be hosting a 6-week version of the Alpha course. This course is the perfect opportunity for your friends and family to begin to understand the basics of Christianity. The course begins on May 3 (at 6:30pm) at 940 Elmhurst. The course is free, includes dessert, coffee, a video and discussion. For more info or to sign up, visit our website: [oasiscc.ca/alpha](http://oasiscc.ca/alpha).

## Suggested Bible reading for this week:

**READ :: Matthew 6:28–34**

Could you imagine living a life fully devoted to God? Often in our lives we believe there is a God, but we fail to trust Him in a season of life or with a specific area of our lives. Imagine for a moment if we didn't need to worry about a thing, but simply had to trust God and his plans for our lives. How do we do that? Read this section and see what God says to you today.

## NOTES:

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## Best Original Storyline

Begin by watching the "Info for the Group" portion of the DVD and then here are a few questions to get you going:

- \_\_\_ What was your high and low from the past week?
  
- \_\_\_ To get your conversation started this week, share with the group your most favourite (or longest) road trip you have been on.

## PLEASE WATCH THE DVD'S "MAIN SESSION"

### INTRODUCTION

What is the key to making great decisions? Most people would likely agree that having the right *information* is crucial to making decisions. But while information is very important, it is not the most critical factor in guaranteeing you make the right choice. In fact, if you think about it, you know some really smart people who have made really dumb decisions. So what is the critical factor? We'll look at something that is even more important than information when it comes to choosing your path.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When have you seen a smart person make a dumb decision? When have you made a decision that made you question your intelligence?
2. How is conventional wisdom different from God's wisdom? How are our lives impacted when we choose to walk in our own wisdom?

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil." Proverbs 3:5-7

3. **Proverbs 3:5** speaks about trusting in God's way of understanding rather than your own understanding. What does it mean to trust in God's understanding?
4. Submission precedes direction. When we acknowledge God, He clears the path before us. When have you submitted a decision before God? How did that work out?
5. **Proverbs 3:7** speaks to the dangers of trying to determine for ourselves what is best. What are the dangers of pride? When have you seen pride lead to a poor decision?

6. "We must cease striving [on our own] and trust God to provide what He thinks is best and in whatever time He chooses to make it available. But this kind of trusting doesn't come naturally. It's a spiritual crisis of the will in which we must choose to exercise faith." (Chuck Swindoll) Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain.
7. As we move towards Summer, it is easy to lean on our own understanding and wisdom. What are some of the areas you need to trust God? How can you use the group the group help you and keep you on track this Summer?

### THOUGHT TO TAKE WITH YOU

Are you acknowledging God in all your ways? It is easy for us to trust God with the things we can't control (our health, the future, etc.), but often difficult for us to trust God with the areas that we feel some control over (our finances, career, etc.). What is an area that you are holding on to?

### BE SURE TO **PRAY** TOGETHER AS A GROUP...

\_\_ What are some things going on in your life that need prayer?

This is the last week of Life Groups. Before you leave, be sure to take time to finalize your end of year celebration!

Don't forget to start planning get-togethers through the Summer as well as some serving opportunities. These are amazing ways to stay connected as a Life Group.