

# Life-Long Walking with God Module

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## ***BEFORE YOU ARRIVE (ALLOW 90 MINUTES)***

- Prepare “Walking with God...” study (30 minutes)

## ***QUESTION TO DISCUSS OVER DINNER (ABOUT 60 MINUTES)***

- Which spiritual discipline do you think the Lord seems to use the most in your life?

## ***VIDEO QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS***

- 1) What did you hear?
- 2) What surprised you?
- 3) What encouraged you?

## ***AFTER DINNER***

### **1) READ ALUMNI TIPS**

“I wish I had known...

...that it would be hard to make time for God. The discretionary time enjoyed in college screeches to a halt! Even though there were always tests, papers, etc., we could choose to put them aside and spend time with God as it would only affect us. You can't just put a work deadline on the back burner.”

...that one of the hardest parts of the transition for me would be keeping a regular quiet time because of the various time demands of life in general and my own poor priorities. Satan doesn't want me to be with God, or learn from Him, or be influenced by Him in any way. And he is willing to throw the kitchen sink at me to keep me from what is best for me. This may seem elementary, but take on the perspective that it's a war out there and we need to “fight” for time with God because it is *good*.”

### **2) DISCUSS THE WALKING WITH GOD BIBLE STUDY (ROUGHLY 30 MINUTES TO PREPARE/30 TO DISCUSS)**

**Read John 15:1-17 and write down observations about...**

- What God does

- What Jesus asks of us

- The results of obeying Christ

**From the following scripture, write down any observations or principles you see that are necessary for someone to be moving forward spiritually.**

- John 12:24-26
- I Corinthians 9:24-27
- Ephesians 5:15-17
- Hebrews 12:1-3

**What “habits” or “disciplines” have you established that have helped you to grow spiritually during your college years?**

**It is absolutely essential that you place a high priority on the Word of God if you are going to continue to grow in your faith. If you are not in the Word, you will not be growing in your relationship with the Lord, and if you aren’t growing in relationship, you will not be able to trust Him and grow in your faith...and your love for Him will grow cold. What will you do to make sure that you take the habits/disciplines that you have developed with you when you leave the campus?**

**Consider these comments on faith from Richard Halverson, late Chaplain of the US Senate:**

- “Think of faith as an accepting–growing–deepening relationship with Jesus Christ.”
- “The object of faith determines the validity of faith.”
- “To live by faith – to walk by faith – is to trust – to rest – in the faithfulness of God, the trustworthiness of Jesus Christ, the sufficiency of His love and grace, the certainty of His promises.”

- “Authentic faith depends upon the Word of God no matter how strong one’s feelings may be to the contrary.”
- “One cannot have faith in what one does not know!”
- “Faith is not something that can be generated within one by struggle or effort. Faith comes with knowledge of that which is trustworthy.”

**Based on what you have studied in this session (and the quotes above), what is necessary for growth in our faith?**

3) ANTICIPATE TOGETHER (15 MINUTES TO DISCUSS)

- What things about your walk with God will stay the same?
  
- What things do you think might change?
  
- What can you do now to prepare?

4) TAKE TIME TOGETHER TO JOURNAL (ABOUT 15 MINUTES TO WRITE/REFLECT)

- What do you think it will take for you to continue to walk with God after college?
  
- What plan do you have to make this happen?