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Leader Guide Session 1

Watch

Play the video for session one. As you watch, use the following notes to record any thoughts, questions, or key points that stand out to you.

NOTES

The life of faith is an adventure ... and a challenge. But God wants you to reach your goal and He has provided the tools you need to get there.

God's divine power is the source of our godliness-the ability to be like Him in how we think, feel, and act. We cannot achieve godliness through our strength but only through God's power.

God's limitless power-the same power that created the universe and raised Christ from the dead-is unleashed in our life when we turn to Jesus as Savior. It is also unlocked for us each day as we spend time in God's presence and study His Word.

God communicates His power through His "great and precious promises," which sustain us as we walk by faith. His promises are available to us every day through the Scriptures.

God wants us to participate in His divine nature in order to become more like His Son Jesus and less like the world. As we grow and mature in our faith, we become better equipped to fulfill the plans that God has for us to further His kingdom in this world.

The first tool that Peter states we need to "pack" is diligence (see 2 Peter 1:5). God has given us everything we need for godliness but we have to work it out in our everyday life.

- Look around
- Look within
- Look above
- Look ahead

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The challenge today is for you to recognize that God is your guide on this journey and receive the power He has promised to provide.

DISCUSS

Take a few minutes with your group members to discuss what you just watched and explore these concepts in Scripture. Use the following questions to help guide your discussion.

1. Why is it so important to rely on God's power as the source of our godliness? When have you attempted to live a godly life in your own power? What were the results?
2. How do God's promises empower us on a daily basis? What do we need to do to claim His promises?
3. How has God's power fueled your ability to live out His purpose? What does living out your purpose look like on a daily basis? How does this advance God's kingdom?
4. How would you define the word diligence? Looking back over your life, where have you struggled to be diligent in your walk with the Lord? Where have you been more consistent and seen your diligence contribute to your spiritual growth?
5. Do you agree that diligence requires the consistent practice of specific habits? Why or why not? What else contributes to the cultivation of diligence in your Christian life?
6. Based on Paul's words in Colossians 3:23-24, what are the four specific habits required to cultivate diligence? Which of these do you currently practice? Which one(s) could you cultivate as a new habit to grow in your faith?
7. What does it mean for you to diligently rely on God's promises to empower you?