

# Discussion Questions: Killing Comparison

Pull out your phone and look at your social media usage.

How many minutes on average do you spend per week scrolling?

Now think about how much time you spend reading God's Word. Which would you say is more?

In what ways do you think you have fallen into the comparison trap?

What categories do you tend to compare with others more on:

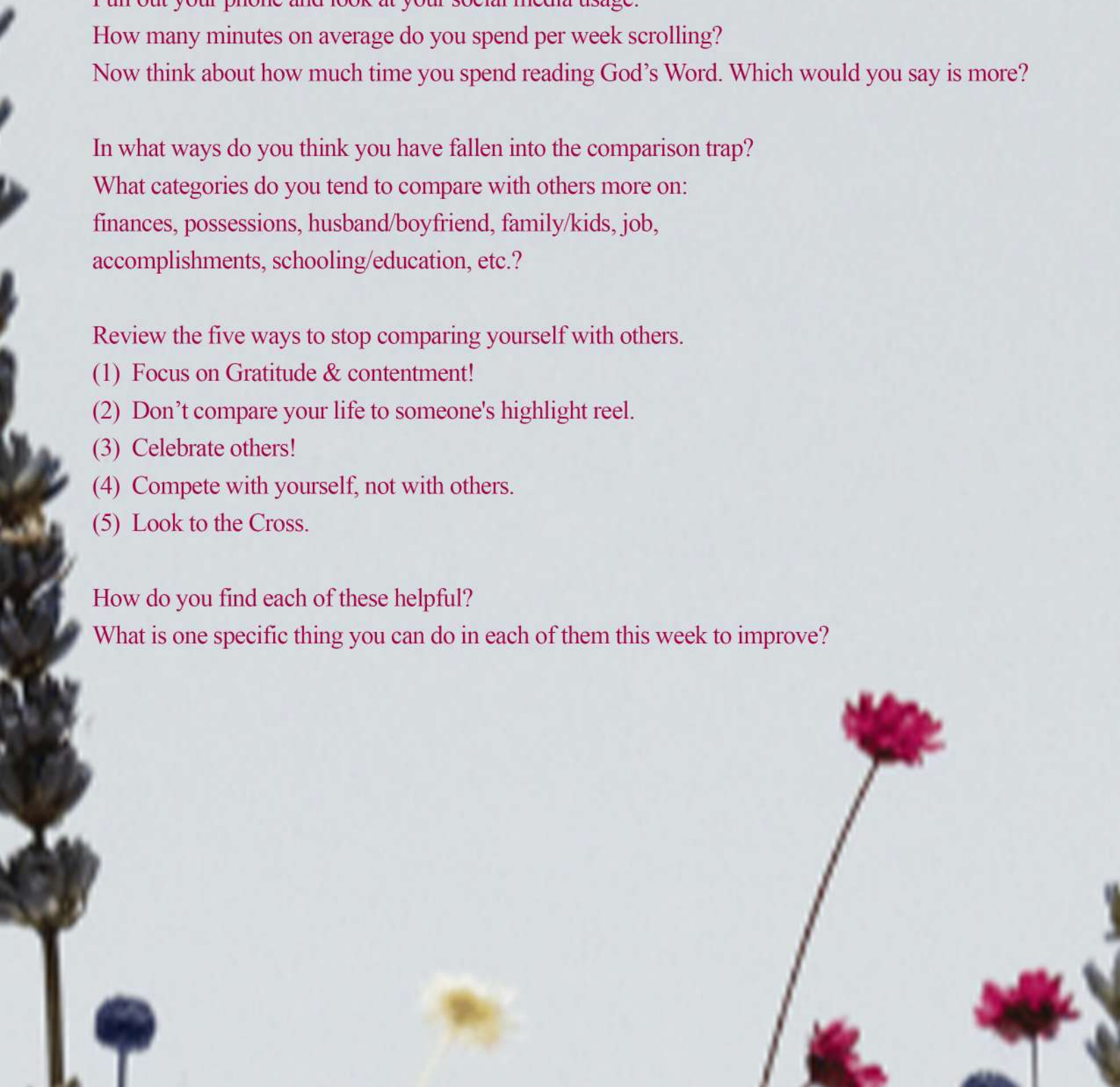
finances, possessions, husband/boyfriend, family/kids, job, accomplishments, schooling/education, etc.?

Review the five ways to stop comparing yourself with others.

- (1) Focus on Gratitude & contentment!
- (2) Don't compare your life to someone's highlight reel.
- (3) Celebrate others!
- (4) Compete with yourself, not with others.
- (5) Look to the Cross.

How do you find each of these helpful?

What is one specific thing you can do in each of them this week to improve?



# Discussion Questions: Purpose

Which of the three traps listed: Money, Status (relationships), yourself, do you feel like you struggle with the most and why?

What is one way you think the others in the group can help you walk away from this trap? (Be willing to follow up with each other over the next week and month to see how they are doing - remember, we are in this together!).

I know it is easy to say we find our purpose in Jesus, but it is a lot harder to live that out in the real world. Together as a group, come up with a definition of “a disciple who makes disciples”.

Look up and read through the following verses together (they were the ones listed in the message on being disciple makers). Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 4:13; 2 Timothy 2:2. What do each of these verses have to teach us about making disciples?

If you are willing, let's take this one step further. Currently there are about 8 billion people on planet Earth right now and 3 billion people of them have never even heard the name of Jesus. Over 3 billion people in over 7,000 people groups are currently what is called “Unreached.” This means they have never heard of the gospel, of Jesus, of sin and salvation. They are on a road that leads to an eternal hell without ever even hearing how they can go to heaven. The term “unreached” does not just mean that people are lost. Unreached means that people don't have access to the Gospel. It's not that they can hear or have heard the Gospel, and they choose not to believe it; it's that they can't even hear it because no one around them knows it. These are people that will be born, live, and die without ever hearing about the good news of Jesus Christ, and this should not be okay. Now, you may not have been called to leave your job, sell everything and move to a third-world country and become a missionary. So, as a group, come up with a list of ways that you can help take the gospel to the “ends of the earth” without even leaving Western Oklahoma.

# Discussion Questions: God Is...In the Waiting

Can you recall a time in your life when it seemed like you were in a waiting season?  
Was the situation resolved, or are you still in the waiting room?

Remember: God never intended for us to equate waiting time with wasting time.  
What are some practical ways you can draw closer to God during your waiting season?

Has there ever been a time when you failed to completely trust God with an unresolved part of your life? What kept you from fully surrendering it to Him? How would full surrender have changed your time in the waiting room?

Read Romans 8:28-30. If God has predestined us to be glorified, and He promises to work for our good, why do you think it's so hard to completely trust Him with every part of our lives?

