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## BENEATH THE SURFACE

WEEK 8 | POWER LINES

### PRAYER

Lord, please help us see that there is safety in your boundaries, that you position us in accordance with your will, and delegate power to us to exercise with responsibility. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

If you could have a superpower, what would it be, and more importantly, how would you use it to help humankind?

### NOTES

## WORD

<sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. <sup>2</sup> I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." <sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. <sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips. <sup>5</sup> The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. <sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. <sup>7</sup> I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. <sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

[Psalm 16:1-11](#) (ESV)

## GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = completely unaware, 10 = absolutely aware), how would you rate your awareness of the gifts that God has given you in the relationships that you have around you?
2. Each relationship has rules for engagement. For instance, the way you relate to a teacher in your class should be different to the way you relate to your children (if you have them). How clear are those rules for your closest relationships?
3. Are you aware of any dual role relationships you have, where you relate to those whom you both lead yet have friendships with? What are your rules for engagement with them, so that if you need to make a call in your leadership that they may not like, you still carry the relationship in a way that glorifies God?
4. Talk about how boundaries in relationships can be breached and how they can affect people.

5. Do you have people who can accurately give you wise counsel and can speak freely into your life? How often do you speak with these people?

## PRAYER LIST