



THE BOOK OF

ACTS

GROUP DISCUSSION | Week 11: Lead Your Family Well

SERIES OVERVIEW

In this series, we examine the remarkable spread of the Gospel and the Kingdom of God from Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth...and how we fit into the story God is continuing to write through His Church.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

Think of this discussion guide as a springboard. Use what's helpful to your group!

CONNECTION

Think of a "Beware of Dog" sign that marks someone's property. What comes to mind? What is the role of dog and why is that significant? Do you have any stories to share about a dog protecting its territory? If not from your own life, what about in a movie like *The Sandlot*?

TRUTH

Read Acts 20:27-29 and Ezekiel 3:17. What jumps out from those passages?

Though this weekend was Family Dedication, this conversation applies to everyone - regardless of parental status. But with that lens, consider: how can a parent/influential person ensure that they are sharing the whole will of God with their children, grandchildren, or young people in their lives?

How does one guard against temptation and be a positive example for those looking up to them? What steps can you take to ensure that you are feeding those in your sphere of influence spiritually, and not just physically?

In what ways can the metaphor of being a watchman and a shepherd be applied to parenting or grandparenting? Or even to teaching and mentoring?

How can you balance being a watchman and a shepherd for your family and those you care about without being overbearing or controlling?

APPLICATION

Monte shared 5 Truths to Leading Your Family Well. Reread Acts 20:27-29 and then read these aloud as your group unpacks each; what it means, how it looks, and what steps you need to take to take ground in that area:

1. Be a watchman that shares truth.
2. Be a shepherd that guards yourself.
3. Be a shepherd that feeds your flock.
4. Be a shepherd that is involved with your flock.
5. Be a shepherd that protects your flock.

PRAYER

Spend some time praying for those you have influence on in your life. If you have children or grandchildren, pray specifically for them and for you to steward your responsibility to lead them well.