

Week of January 19th, 2020 - Discussion Questions for Ohana Groups
20/20 Vision: "A Gospel Worth Leading For" Acts 20:25-31

Overview

Paul encourages church leaders to "keep watch" over the flock and to protect the flock from "savage wolves." God has called each one of us to "lead" in particular ways to build-up, serve, and strengthen the church. How is God calling you to lead in 2020?

ICEBREAKER

Is there a particular "leader" or "mentor" that played an important role in your life and helped you grow to become who you are today?

BIBLE: Read *Acts 20:25-31*

1. Paul did not hesitate to proclaim the "whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27). Are there any Christian beliefs that you feel are difficult to talk about (e.g., judgment, repentance, eternal punishment)?
2. What characteristics of a shepherd correlate with a leader of a church?
3. What are the qualifications of an elder? (see I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9)
4. Who is the ultimate shepherd, the "Good Shepherd" who gives up His life for His sheep? (see John 10:11,14-16)
5. Paul warns the elders to be cautious of "savage wolves" or false teachers that prey on God's flock. What kind of "wolves" do we need to be mindful of today?
6. What is the difference between a "worldly" leader, as opposed to a "Christ-centered" leader?

APPLICATION

1. "Leadership is influence" (John Maxwell). There is a leader within each one of us and God has called each one of us to "influence" for the glory of God in particular areas. Do you sense God calling you to lead/serve in any new ways this year?
2. One important trait of leadership is "reproduction." A leader is great "not because of his or her power, but because of his or her ability to empower others" (John Maxwell). Who is one person God has called you to grow and empower this year?

PRAY

1. Pray specifically for the person you would like to invest and empower this year.
2. Pray that you would be able to reflect biblical qualities of leadership and servanthood in areas that God has called you to lead.

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