

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Acts Series

These questions are for the **February 7, 2021** sermon, "The Shaping of Leaders, Part 2." Please read the sermon passage (Acts 20:25-31) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

BIBLICALLY BASED LEADERSHIP IS CALLED BY GOD TO . . .

1. Proclaim the Word of God holistically. (25-27)
 - a. Paul calls the elders of the church together to hand off the baton of leadership.
 - b. He declares the "whole counsel of God" and commends that they do the same.
 - i. It is crucial to know how all the Scriptures point to Jesus Christ.
 - ii. We study the whole counsel so that we will . . .
 1. Not get trendy or too focused on our preferred emphases.
 2. Learn and hear the things that God emphasizes.
 3. Verse-by-verse. Chapter-by-chapter. Book-by-book.
2. Protect the church of God vigilantly. (28-31)
 - a. Make certain that no one in the flock gets faked out by false teaching/teachers.
 - b. False teachers are "fierce wolves" and will even arise from within the church.
 - c. Be vigilant because this is a real and present danger (even to this day).
 - d. Constantly and faithfully and passionately and winsomely commend Jesus to all.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: The Word of God is 66 books and includes both Old and New Testaments, one unified Word from God. In what way are you actively pursuing both older and newer testaments? Are there ways in which you understand how older and newer fit together better now than ever? Do you have a favorite OT reference to Messiah? How did Jesus fulfill it?
2. Based on #1, above: A study of the Scriptures shows that God owns it all, God graciously promised to save us by sending Messiah and that Jesus Christ perfectly fulfilled every prophecy and promise. There is no doubt that Jesus is Messiah. This makes him LORD (what he says goes). This makes him exclusive (there is none other). This makes his kingdom present (he is here and reigning now). Do you have any conversations going about these things?
3. Based on #2, above: Have you ever started listening to lop-sided teaching or found yourself beginning to emphasize some preferred topic way too much? How did it start? Who did you trust? What means did God use to help you come to your senses?
4. Based on #2, above: Do you appeal to friends with tearful passion about the excellencies and beauty of Jesus Christ? Is this a main priority in your life? How can you grow in your focus and in the practice of this passion?