

Letting Go

Series: Family Name (message 4) **Date:** May 30/31, 2020

Intro

I. We cannot control what our legacy will be, but we need to be intentional about leaving one.

- Hebrews 11:1-3
- Hebrews 11:33-39

II. We must do our best and leave it in the hands of the Lord.

- Matthew 6:20-21
- 2 Corinthians 3:2

III. It's not too late to change the legacy of your family.

- It's not too late to change your personal legacy.

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OPENING DISCUSSION

As you start your group time today, take a few moments to share two or three things you are grateful for from this past week. Challenge your group members to take time every day to write down 3-5 things they are thankful for and then thank God, the giver of all good things.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. At whose funeral were you struck by his or her legacy and what was it that stood out to you or you'd like to repeat in your life? What is a special memory you have growing up or with someone special in your life? Who orchestrated that event?
2. **Read Galatians 6:7-9.** What examples would you use to explain this principle in today's culture, especially since so many people don't live in an agricultural setting? How does the fact that "God is not mocked" lead us to consider how we live our lives (vs 7)?
3. What are some examples of seeds sown to the flesh vs the Spirit (vs 8)?
4. Why do you think we tend to focus on short term decisions and outcomes, rather than long term results or fruit? What can you do to fight that propensity?
5. **Read Matthew 6:20-21.** Where we consistently invest our time and money says a lot about what we value and the legacy we will leave. How much of your time and money tend to be intentional decisions versus an unconscious or responsive decision to something? What kind of a legacy do you think you are sowing?
6. **Read 2 Corinthians 3:1-3.** Who is someone that impacted your spiritual life? Who have you left a mark on, or who are you trying to leave a mark on spiritually? How are you trying to do that?
7. One of the greatest tools we have to shape the next generation is our prayers. For whom could you start to pray regularly? What are one or two Scriptures that you could consistently pray over them?

PRAYER

MEMORIZE

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."

Galatians 6:7 NIV