

GROUP GUIDE

A Lasting Legacy

ARRIVAL/CONNECTING and SNACK: (15 Minutes) Spend time catching up and socializing with one another. Follow up on prayer requests and any action steps from your last time together.

SHORT OPENING PRAYER FOR YOUR TIME TOGETHER: (2 minutes)

SCRIPTURE READING: (3-5 minutes)

Have someone read **1 Psalm 127** out loud and slowly enough for everyone to enjoy. Reflect quietly for a moment. Read it again if you like and discuss the following:

OBSERVATION: 10 minutes

- Solomon begins the text addressing the vanity of human effort. What are some of the areas in your life where you feel like your work might be done in vain?
- What is the most exhausting, worrisome or stressful “work” that you are a part of right now?

REFLECTION: 15 minutes

- Why do you think Solomon prefaced the verses dealing with raising the next generation with the first two verses about vain work?
- Why is a reliance on the Lord fundamental to biblical child-raising? How does humility effect the way you raise kids (or positively influence the next generation)?

DISCUSSION: 20 minutes

- Identify the different children that God has placed in your life. In what ways are those children like arrows? Have you ever viewed the next generation like this before?
- The next generation is watching you. The way you live will affect the way you lead the next generation. What are the targets you are aiming for? Is it materialism, social elitism, self-reliance or Christ-likeness, service, missional living? Chances are that your arrows will fly in the direction you are aiming. What changes might need to be made?
- What are some of the ways you “shall not be put to shame” with arrows that are launched in the right direction? Paint a picture of successful child-raising (or “next-generation influencing”) for the rest of the group?

PLAN TO CHANGE: 20 minutes

- *Share one thing...*having a vision of what parenting (or next-gen influencing) could be and what could be accomplished with children who are released well will directly effect the way we raise the next generation. What is one way you could intentionally fill your quiver with more “world changing” arrows?
- *What is one step you can take this week* to make that happen. Plan to report back to the group next week with the progress you make in “finding arrows”.

CLOSING PRAYER: 10 minutes

Take a few minutes to pray for one another in light of what has been shared and discussed today.