



Faith Community Church
Ministers
(Standing firm, Part 4)
Faith Group Questions
& Discussion Guide



🙏 **Opening Prayer:** Father, inspire us to the truth that You have called ALL of us to be Your ministers. Help us to see the character traits you want us to grow in, and partner with You as Your Spirit produces those fruits in our lives.

🧊 **Icebreaker:** Share one person who has meaningfully shaped your walk with Jesus—and briefly describe one quality in them that helped you grow.

🔑 **Key Points**

1. **BOLD.** A great gospel minister is bold—declaring the truth of Jesus even with suffering and, like a father, coaching others to walk worthy of God.
2. **BLAMELESS.** A great gospel minister serves with pure motives, free from flattery, greed, or the desire for human glory, so that his or her life authenticates the message.
3. **A BLESSING.** Great gospel ministers are a blessing—gently and affectionately sharing not only the gospel but their own lives, giving without expecting return.
4. **The Gospel.** These character qualities are produced by the Spirit and fueled by love for the gospel itself; every believer is called to grow in them as a minister of Christ.

💬 **Discussion Questions**

1. Did you “mind your mind”, do a resource review, or evaluate your uncontrollable emotions last week? And how did you do looking to the “better Juliet” of Christ?
2. Paul kept preaching with boldness after being beaten and humiliated in Philippi. (Acts 16:19-24) What makes it hard for us to stay bold with the gospel when it costs us something socially, relationally, or emotionally (in other countries, physically)? (Jn 12:42-43)
3. How does the picture of a father (exhorting, encouraging, and charging) challenge or encourage the way you currently help others grow in their faith? (Acts 20:26-27)

4. Why do pure motives matter so much in ministry and everyday Christian living? What happens when people sense mixed motives behind our words or service? (1 Thess 2:5-6, Matthew 23:1-12)
5. Paul describes ministry as both strong (like a father) and gentle (like a nursing mother). Which of these two sides comes more naturally to you, and which needs more intentional growth? (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8, 11-12)
6. “People don’t care what you know until they know that you care.” (1 Corinthians 13:1-3) How have you experienced this truth—either as the one receiving care or the one offering it?
7. In what ordinary, everyday settings (home, work, friendships, unseen service) is the credibility of our “ministry” most often, or most clearly, tested? (Luke 4:20-30)
8. Paul points us to Christ as the source of these qualities. How does looking at Jesus’ sacrificial love, service, and faithfulness help us grow in boldness, blamelessness, and blessing? (Philippians 2:1-8)



Practical Applications

1. **COACH (Boldness).** Identify one person you can intentionally encourage or walk alongside this week the way a good father coaches a child—through a conversation, text, or shared activity that points them toward walking worthy of God.
2. **Assess your Service (Blamelessness).** Ask the Lord to search your motives in one specific area of service or influence; confess any desire for approval, control, or recognition, and deliberately choose to serve for God’s pleasure instead.
3. **GIVE (Blessing).** Look for one practical way to “share yourself” this week (not just information or advice)—through presence, a meal, a listening ear, or tangible help—so someone experiences the gentle, self-giving love of Christ through you.



Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for setting the example for us in boldness, blamelessness, and blessing others. Help us to be honest with ourselves this week, and to see the truth of the gospel as a motivation to imitate, and to share, YOU. Amen.