

MISSIONAL COMMUNITY

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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WHAT IS A MISSIONAL COMMUNITY?

A missional community is a family of servant missionaries sent to make, mature, and multiply disciples of Jesus!

Acts 20:28-32

God calls pastors to shepherd His people with His Word for His glory.

I. The Weight of the Call

1. Pastors are chosen by the Holy Spirit
2. Pastors carry a heavy weight of responsibility
3. Pastors have the ultimate responsibility

II. The Warning to be Called

III. The Way to Fulfill the Calling

1. Be Alert and Shepherd with Passion
2. Shepherd with the Word

1. The Weight of the Call (v. 28)

- a. Paul reminds the Ephesian elders that the Holy Spirit Himself appoints pastors. When you think about the seriousness of the pastoral calling, how does that deepen your appreciation for those who serve in that role? In what ways can you express that appreciation?
- b. How might we as a congregation help lighten the “weight” of their calling instead of adding to it?
- c. Hebrews 13:17 says to let them lead “with joy and not with groaning.” What are some ways our attitudes or words can make that easier—or harder—for them?

2. The Warning to the Called (vv. 29–30)

- a. Paul warns that wolves and false teachers will come, even from within. What are some “twisted things” or subtle distortions of truth we should be alert to in our culture today?
- b. How can the church family help protect one another and our pastors from false teaching?

3. The Way to Fulfill the Calling (vv. 31–32)

- a. Paul points to The Word as the means of faithful shepherding. What are some ways you can pray specifically for your pastors’ faithfulness to the Word—especially in seasons when the truth is unpopular?
- b. How can we as a congregation make sure our church remains centered on the Word and not on personalities, programs, or preferences?