

I Am That Man – Arrows in the Hand of a Warrior

Weekend Discussion Questions

January 25-26, 2014

Community:

1. What do you think life would be like if you lived in a culture where hand-to-hand combat was the norm? What weapon would you carry around with you?

Core:

1. Last week we talked about how to be on the offensive with our faith...how to do damage to the forces of darkness in our world. What are some of the things you remember from last week?
2. We looked at how Jesus compared men who lead others to shepherds...why did Jesus use that metaphor?
3. Read Psalm 23. Point out the instances in this Psalm where God, the Good Shepherd, shepherds His people in 3 different ways: He leads them, He protects them, and He provides for them.
4. What does it mean for the shepherd of a family to lead, protect, and provide for them?
5. Read Ephesians 5:25. What are different ways that husbands can live out this verse in everyday life?
6. Scott said, "Follow Jesus, love your wife, and raise your kids...*in that order*." What are the dangers of getting the order wrong?
7. Read Thessalonians 2:11-12. What sticks out to you from these verses?
8. Paul uses these three verbs to define how a father deals with his children: Exhort (to come alongside while calling to a task); Encourage (comfort and soothe); Charge (speak well of, applaud, testify). What are some examples of ways a father could do these three things?
9. Which one of the three fathering verbs comes easiest to you? Why? Which one comes hardest to you? Why do you think that is?
10. Read Psalm 127:3-5. What does it mean that our kids are "arrows in the hands of a warrior"?

Challenge:

1. If someone looked at your life and had to decide simply by observing your family, what would they say your kids "arrows" are pointed at? Why?
2. If someone looked at the man of the house and had to decide simply by observing the family, would they say the man is the "shepherd" of the house? Why or why not?
3. Take some time to pray that God would give us the resources, strength, and courage, to rearrange our relationships to the way He intended them to be.



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