

ARROWS

LIVING TOWARDS THE TARGET

BULL\$EYE - WEEK 1

Small Group Time:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with key questions, add any optional Scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

<u>Main Idea:</u>

We all want to hit the target. It doesn't matter what facet of life we're talking about, we all desire to aim for something & then be able to accomplish it. Yet, in spite of that desire, the one area where it seems most difficult to consistently hit the target is with our families. These are the most important relationships in our life, but also the most difficult relationships in our lives. What does it take to start living towards the target?

Key Questions:

- 1. Have you ever shot a bow & arrow before? Gun? How difficult was it to hit what you were aiming for?
- 2. What are some of the most challenging relationships in your family?
- 3. In what ways do you feel like you "miss the target" with your family spouse, kids, in-laws, etc.?
- 4. Read **Psalm 127:1-6**. This is the theme verse that this entire series is built around. Talk about what this verse means and what sticks out to you.
- 5. Read **Matthew 6:33**. One of the things Ben talked about was that our families were always designed to have one target. What does Jesus say this target is supposed to be? Read Joshua **24:15**. All of our families have a target we all have a "as for me and my house". What are some targets you have been aiming for that shouldn't be the primary target? What about some targets you see friends or other people aiming at that shouldn't be primary?
- 6. "Just because you don't teach them, doesn't mean they won't learn it. It just means they won't learn it from you." What are some topics that would be easy to avoid with our kids? What's the danger in avoiding those topics?
- 7. Read **Matthew 5:13-16**. Our children are supposed to be shot out into the world to be salt where there is no salt & light where there is only darkness. Why do you we make the mistake of over-protecting our kids? How do we make sure that our kids know the importance of being shot out into the world?

Next Steps:

• What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?