



# A R R O W S

LIVING TOWARDS THE TARGET

## PAINT THE HOUSE – WEEK 5

### **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.

### **Main Idea:**

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. What's the toughest thing you've accomplished in the last year? What opposition made it so difficult?
2. Do you have to look for the easy route – the one with the least opposition – when trying to accomplish or attain anything in life? Do you agree with Ben that the things worth doing always come with opposition?
3. Ben talked about 3 different types of opponents to our families – (1) People who are against us (2) People who are for us but shooting at the wrong target (3) Harmful Things. Which of these 3 do you think fight against your family/marriage the hardest? Why are the subtle ones the most dangerous?
4. Read **1 Peter 1:18-19**. Ben told the story of the Passover with the Israelites in Egypt, and the painting of the blood on the outside of the doorposts to spare their first born. It was this precedent that when Christ is at the forefront of our homes, the opposition passes OVER our homes instead of passing THRU our homes. Why is it such a struggle to put Christ at the forefront of our homes? Are there some adjustments you could make in this area?
5. Read **Proverbs 31:21**. One of Ben's last points was that we have to KEEP PAINTING. The paint will fade over time & we have to keep being an example of Christ first. We have to keep instilling the importance of a relationship with Christ into our kids. When we do, we don't fear the opposition. Have you ever found yourself stopping the "painting" with your kids? Why does this happen so easily? What are some habits you need to put into place to keep painting?
6. Read **1 Corinthians 15:33**. Ben said, "It takes the RIGHT village to raise the RIGHT child." What kind of adjustments to you need to make to your village?

### **Next Steps:**

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