



Life Group Discussion Guide  
“Spiritual Leadership in the Family”  
Sunday, July 2, 2017

- What type of legacy or inheritance does your family have?
- What type of legacy do you want to leave?

Psalm 145:4 - “One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.”

**The Big Idea:** Spiritual leadership in the home begins with a clear and determined decision to serve the Lord. When knowing and serving Jesus become the central focus of our lives, we will build a spiritual heritage for our families to follow.

The story in Joshua 24 inspires me because it reveals the heart of a man who had made a decision. In verse 15 Joshua says to the Israelite nation, “Choose this day whom you will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

**Life is filled with choices.** The best choices are the ones we make consciously and deliberately.

- What choices do you make regularly that help you live your best life?

Read Joshua 24. In the final chapter of the book of Joshua we find Joshua near the end of his life. Chapter 24 records Joshua’s final words to the people of Israel. This faithful servant of God took the people on a stroll down memory lane as he reminded them of all the things that God had done for Israel.

### Read Joshua 24

**At every point, Joshua emphasizes that God is the sole source of their success.**

### Spiritual Lessons from Joshua 24...

- We all serve someone or something.
- Who or what are you serving? What is it that occupies your greatest attention? What causes you to become excited and passionate in your conversation? The answers to these questions might tell us where our hearts really are.
- A decision to serve the Lord will impact the next generation.
- What legacy will you leave behind?



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**1. Fear the Lord.**

“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.” (Deuteronomy 10:12 NIV)

**2. Serve the Lord with all faithfulness.**

“But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.” (1 Samuel 12:24 NIV)

**3. Throw away any other “gods”**

“...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” (Hebrews 12:1 NIV)

**4. Choose this day whom you will serve.**

A person who serves God will do so because they have made a decision.

How is joining a church, signing up for a class, or saying a prayer not the whole aspect of serving the Lord? What does it mean to serve the Lord?