

Week of Sunday, October 30, 2016
A Servant Shepherd's Heart | [Acts 20:17-38](#)

In preparation for your home group this week:

Read

1. [1 Timothy 4:12-16](#) (especially v. 16) (Go to Talk #1)
2. [1 Peter 5:1-11](#); [Ezekiel 34:1-24](#) (Go to Talk #2)
3. [2 Corinthians 12:15](#); [1 Thessalonians 2:7-8](#) (Go to Talk #3)
4. [Acts 20:29-35](#) (Go to Talk #4)

Talk

1. We are to keep a close watch on our private life and public ministry. Why is it important for our life and ministry to line up and not contradict each other? How can we safeguard against contradictory behavior?
2. What are the roles and possible pitfalls of servant shepherds?
3. What personal sacrifices did Paul make during his ministry at Ephesus? How did his life set an example for the Ephesian elders?
4. What did Paul say would happen to the Ephesian church after he left and how were they to deal with it?
5. Discuss the heart-level focuses that a servant shepherd should have.

Pray

- That God would be glorified.
- That you would be a blessing in your group.
- That people's needs would be met.
- That friendships would be built and strengthened.
- That the group would serve God's purposes.
- Pray for all our ministry partners (graceorange.org/globaloutreach and graceorange.org/localoutreach)

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