

GENERATIONS

Life as Jesus Meant it to Be

Session 6

Guardrails

week starting March 24

GETTING STARTED

Pray for God's presence and wisdom as you begin your discussion.

ICEBREAKER CHOOSE ONE

- In what area(s) of life do you have good self-discipline? Poor self-discipline?
- When did you learn a valuable lesson by experiencing the natural consequences of a mistake you made?

REFLECT ON SUNDAY'S SERMON

- What resonated with you from the message this week?
- Did it bring up anything you're wrestling with or questions you have?

READ & DISCUSS

- Read Proverbs 13:24 and Psalm 23:5. The rod is a tool for guidance and protection and it is not meant as a weapon. How have you seen this proverb misused in discipline?
- How do you see Jesus focusing on the spiritual character formation of those he encounters rather than behavior modification? Use your Bibles together to find examples.
- What spiritual character trait do you hope others see in and learn from you? Why?
- Read Ephesians 6:4 and 4:32 What can we learn from these passages about how we should lay down guardrails for the next generation?
- When and how have you found guardrails to be helpful? Is there an area of your life in which establishing guardrails would be beneficial?

LIVE IT OUT

- Where are the areas of your life that you have the opportunity to speak into the lives of the next generation?
- As we close this series, what is your takeaway for raising the next generation of the church? Make a list of key things you would like to do to encourage the next generations at Shepherd of the Valley.

PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of the Church. We are grateful for those who have gone before us and shown us what it means to live a life of grace and truth. Make us graceful people as we seek to do the same with the next generations. Help us to model your love and grace to them such that they experience your heart through us in all we say and do. Use us to help them build a faith that lasts a lifetime. Amen.