



Who Would Raise Them?

Small Group Discussion Guide for Stewards

To the Group Facilitator:

Thank you for leading this conversation. Stewardship is about more than managing what we have today; it is about preparing for the future of those we love most. Your goal is to create a space where parents can move past the "half-finished thoughts" and start building a legacy of peace.

Recommended Strategy:

While this book is a quick read, the decisions within it require time to process. We suggest breaking the discussion into two or three sessions to allow the "Steward's Checkpoints" to really sink in.

Suggested Format:

- The Opening (10 min): Share one "win" from your family's stewardship this week.
- The Discussion (40 min): Use the Foundation questions to spark honest conversation. Keep the focus on values and vision.
- The Steward's Commitment (10 min): Every member identifies their next step in the 7-Day Quickstart to be completed before the next meeting.

Part 1: The Awakening: From Intention to Stewardship

Conversation Starters (Chapters 1–2)

1. *Identify the Friction:* Of the five reasons we leave our families vulnerable—The Comfort Trap, The Discipleship Gap, Relational Friction, The Isolation Trap, or The Burden of Scale—which one has been your primary reason for stalling?
2. *The Conversation Audit:* Have you and your spouse ever sat down to discuss this, or has it remained a "half-finished thought" in the back of your minds? If you've avoided it, what is the specific fear that stops the conversation before it starts?
3. *Identify the Gap:* If your "someday" ended tonight, what is the single greatest point of chaos you would leave behind for your children? Is it a legal vacuum, a financial mess, or a spiritual question mark?
4. *The Shift:* Are you willing to trade the comfort of "later" for the peace of "prepared"?

Part 2: The Architecture: The Five Foundations of The Family Shield

Foundation 1: The Guardian (Chapter 3)

1. *The Default Reality*: If the court chose your closest living relative by default tonight, would your child be raised in the faith and values you hold dear?
2. *Character Over Comfort*: Who are the two people who reflect your values, regardless of how "awkward" it might be to ask them?

Foundation 2: The Structure (Chapter 4)

1. *The Privacy Audit*: Are you comfortable with your family's financial details being a matter of public record?
2. *The Maturity Rule*: At what age do you truly believe a young adult has the wisdom to manage a significant inheritance? Is that age reflected in your current plan?

Foundation 3: The Provision (Chapter 5)

1. *The Monthly Number*: Do you know the "Monthly Survival Number" required to keep your family's mission running if you were gone?
2. *The Beneficiary Check*: Is your life insurance currently set to land in an individual's bank account (where it is vulnerable) or within the protection of a trust?

Foundation 4: The Blueprint (Chapter 6)

1. *The "We Always" List*: What are the three most important traditions or rhythms in your home that you would want to survive you?
2. *The Heart of the Matter*: If you could only leave your children one paragraph of spiritual direction, what would it say?

Foundation 5: The Heart (Chapter 7)

1. *The Alignment Audit*: Is there an area where your daily stewardship is currently out of alignment with the legacy you want to leave?
2. *The Present Moment*: Are you so worried about the "Legacy of Someday" that you are missing the "Stewardship of Today"?

Part 3: The Stewardship: Leading Your Legacy Forward

Don't Leave Your Family Guessing (Chapter 8)

1. *The Weight of Guessing*: When you picture your family having to "guess" what you would've wanted, what feelings come up for you? Who in your life would carry the heaviest burden of that confusion?
2. *The Message of Planning*: What does the act of preparing a plan say to your children about their value and your love for them?

The Steward's Audit (Chapter 9)

1. *The Exposure*: Without sharing your specific score, which of the Five Foundations felt the most exposed or neglected?
2. *The Priority*: Which gap would create the most chaos for your children if it were left unaddressed tonight?

The Steward's Commitment (Bonus Action Steps)

1. *The Immediate Step*: Which specific day of the 7-Day Quickstart will you complete before the sun sets tomorrow?
2. *The Conversation*: Who is the first person you need to speak with to move this from a "thought" to a "reality" (Spouse, Guardian, Financial Steward)?
3. *The Deadline*: By what date will you move your family from "intention" to "secured"?

The Closing: A Faithful Love Prepares

Where to Go from Here

If this discussion revealed gaps in your Family Shield, your next step is not more discussion. A Steward's responsibility is to move from intention to protection.

The book has provided the vision; now you must build the structure.

Your Path Forward:

1. *Commit to the 7-Day Family Shield Quickstart*: This is your day-by-day blueprint to move from "someday" to "secured." Do not try to figure this out on your own—follow the steps we've laid out for you.
2. *Join a Legacy Workshop*: If you are ready for guided implementation to finalize your legal documents and secure your perimeter, join us for our next session.
3. *Schedule a Planning Call*: If you need direct clarity on your family's specific needs, reach out to our team.

All resources can be found at: FamilyShieldEstatePlanning.com/Start

The Final Word:

You are not simply raising children. You are raising future adults, husbands, wives, and leaders. You have identified the friction and seen the gaps. Now is the time to act.

Love reacts. Love hopes. Love prays.

But a faithful Steward's love prepares.

