

STUDY NOTES – March 17, 2109

Sermon Series: “Ezekiel: Time To Grow Up”

Pastor Kris preaches from the *English Standard Version (ESV)*.

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Ezekiel 34

Aspects of leadership

1. Serving (Vs. 1-3)

Ezekiel 34:1–3 (ESV) — 1 The word of the LORD came to me: 2 “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? 3 You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep.

- Life lesson: View your leadership *as a means to serve*.

2. Protecting (Vs. 4a)

Ezekiel 34:4 (ESV) — 4 The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them.

- Life lesson: Use your leadership to *care for others, especially the vulnerable*.

3. Restoring (V. 4b-6)

Ezekiel 34:4–6 (ESV) — 4 The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. 5 So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered; 6 they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.

- Life lesson: Remind yourself that *you are your brother’s keeper*.

How to be your brother's (or sister's) keeper:

1. Realize this is the outcome of "loving your neighbor as yourself".
2. Accept the responsibility.
3. Be observant of their needs.
4. Look for ways to ease their pain.
5. Help them find freedom if they are caught in a sin.

S.A.L.T. Group questions

- Have someone read Sunday's passage: Ezekiel 34:1-6
 - What truths stand out to you?
- 1. Why are some leaders reticent to serve?
 - Some leaders are afraid to serve because they fear they will be respected. What are your feelings about this statement?
 - What are some practical ways that a leader can serve?
- 2. Who has God called you to protect?
 - How can you protect them spiritually, emotionally and physically?
- 3. What is your opinion of "being your brother's keeper"?
 - What does it mean to you?
 - Is there someone that you need to help restore to spiritual health?
 - As a group, come up with steps to restoring someone who is caught in a sin.

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Prayer for salvation

"Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be."

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