

LEADER'S GUIDE

POINT MAN

HOW A MAN CAN LEAD HIS FAMILY



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BREAKING THE ICE

There is no pressure! But for those who want to go the extra mile to develop rapport and orient your guys, host a “pre-study group gathering”: a casual back yard barbecue/early morning breakfast/lunch break.

1. Hand out Point Man book with reading assignment for the first meeting.
2. Be sure they've got the details (see #4 on check-off list).
3. Tell them you'll be kicking off each session with a brief Video of Steve's teaching. (This will motivate guys to be on time.)

PRE-STUDY CHECK-OFF LIST

1. Develop member contact list.
2. Secure an inviting place to meet—with adequate seating.
3. Make sure participants have acquired their copy of *Point Man*.
4. Notify each guy re: (1) date, time, & location; (2) what to bring—Bible, PM book, tech “tool of choice”, i.e. phone, iPad, laptop; (3) assignment for first session – read (or listen to) *Chapter One: Point Man on Patrol*.
5. Nail down technical details for weekly group viewing of Video & Group PDF.

LEADER'S WEEKLY PREP

1. Read & jot notes from *Point Man* on the chapter of the week.
2. Download Leader's Guide & Group Guide of the week.
3. Using the Group Guide PDF (or Downloaded Powerpoint), view the Video of the week. This Video will kick off each session. Then ponder your own answers to the discussion questions that follow.
4. Read the week's tips in the Leader's Guide, titled “Goal” & “Plan”. This material is for your eyes only!
5. **Meeting Plan:** (1) As guys filter in at the start of each session, allow a few minutes for group re-connection. (How was your week? What walls did you hit? Any successes?) Men are hungry for this kind of authentic community

among brothers; let them find it here. **(2)** Kick off the week’s discussion with the Video; follow with Group Guide questions. If you don’t get to all of them, it’s okay! Allow the Lord to lead this discussion. **(3)** We suggest you use [Powerpoint or Keynote slides](#) on your Video screen for group meetings. **(4)** At the close of each session, share the QR code of that week’s Group Guide PDF. This will enable guys to re-watch the Video, share it with a friend, and—importantly—access the [Going Deeper](#) links. **(5)** Remind them of next week’s assigned chapter. Your goal is that participants will arrive each week, having read the new chapter and looking forward to the Video and discussion awaiting them. **(6)** We’ll make suggestions, but your closing prayer should fit your particular group.

- 6. Pray for your guys.** The enemy wants to mess this up, so pray for the protection of the Holy Spirit over the minds and hearts of group members. Ask the Lord to do a deep work in each heart & grant you wisdom as you lead.

GOING DEEPER LINKS

We’ve included links at the end of each chapter to help your guys “go deeper”. Encourage them to explore the [underlined](#) resources in their Group Guide PDF’s by simply clicking on the underlined words.

DISCUSSION GUIDE QUESTIONS

We’ve provided an additional page per chapter with your own printable version of the GG Questions (along with other links, relevant info).

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We’ve included Powerpoint slides to project for your large group studies.

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SESSION 1 POINT MAN ON PATROL



CHAPTER ONE: POINT MAN ON PATROL

GOAL OF SESSION #1: TELLING YOUR STORY

Some guys have never ever told their story. The questions in Session #1 of the Group Guide are designed to help guys begin to tell their story. As the group facilitator, you are not so much the teacher as you are the point guy—leading the way & setting an atmosphere of vulnerability. The more you speak openly about your own failures and struggles, the more they will be emboldened to follow your lead.

PLAN FOR SESSION #1:

Emphasize the “Group Code of Honor”: Honor confidentiality. “We promise not to reveal any personal information shared here with anyone outside the group.”

Ask for their help: “I’ll do my best to keep our discussion on topic—help me out with this!”

Follow the Group Guide: It’s your Field Guide for every session. Start with the Video and follow with questions. Do your best not to let one individual dominate or pull you off-course. When questions arise that you can’t answer, say “I don’t know, but let me do some homework and get back to you next week.” Be at ease with moments of silence—this is their first time to see these questions. Spark discussion by sharing from your own life.

Supplemental Prep for Questions: Be ready to define two terms:

- **What is the biblical family?** Be ready to differentiate between a *traditional family* (any family unit constructed through cultural traditions set up by man) and the *biblical family* (one husband & one wife, committed for life, with children—if so blessed, established by the Creator in Genesis 1 & 2).
- **What is a point man?** A *point man* is a bold servant-leader. Any guy, whether married, divorced, or single, can be a point man in his sphere of influence.

Going Deeper: Before closing prayer, take a moment to draw attention to the **Going Deeper** feature. Encourage your men to listen to this week’s suggested online podcast. "Want to hear more from Steve on this subject? Here's a great place to start!"

Closing prayer: Ask for prayer requests; write them down and include them as you pray. You want your guys to know that prayer is simply talking with God, so set that kind of conversational environment as you pray. You may wish to close with Paul’s prayer in Ephesians 3: 20–21 (ESV):

“Now unto Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.”

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) What struck you as most meaningful in this Video?
- 2) What kind of family were you raised in? How did the war on the family play out in your years growing up?
- 3) What images come to your mind when you think of a point man? Did you have a point man in your life?
- 4) In the Video Steve gives an alternate subtitle to this book: "How a man can lead a family in a hostile culture." Have you experienced increasing hostility in your own spheres of influence?
- 5) Steve gives 2 strategies used by the enemy to destroy your family (p. 12). What tripwires have you encountered that could separate you and your wife? You and your children?
- 6) What are some areas in which you are hoping to gain wisdom as you study through this book?

GOING DEEPER

This week's **Going Deeper** online talk speaks honestly about 6 inner struggles every man faces in life. As with each chapter of *Point Man*, this chapter can only begin to touch the surface of the subject being tackled. In this podcast Steve goes deeper. Unbelievers in your group, or those who are still becoming acquainted with Steve will find this talk hard *not* to listen to. Encourage your men to tune in as they go about their lives in the upcoming week.

Listen to "[Six Likely Attacks](#)" podcast from Steve Farrar's online series: [Spiritual Warfare](#)

NEXT

Before the next session, read Chapter 2 in *Point Man: "Save the Boys"*



ABOUT STEVE FARRAR

STEVE FARRAR's laser-beam mission was to equip men to be the spiritual leaders of their homes and churches. Steve had his finger on the pulse of men and was known for his candor, his humor, and his commitment to Scripture. Prior to focusing on men, he pastored several churches and received an earned doctorate from Dallas Theological Seminary. Along the way, it became clear to him that godly men were in a fight for their lives. In 1990, he wrote his first book to men and founded Men's Leadership Ministries. That book, *[Point Man](#)*, became a bestseller, and over the next 30 years, he went on to author over 20 books to men, including *[Finishing Strong](#)* and *[Tempered Steel](#)*. He became a well-known speaker at men's conferences and events around the world, and until his death in 2022, he taught a weekly men's Bible study in Dallas, attended by several hundred men. Those studies are available online and are now reaching a whole new generation of men. Steve is survived by his wife, Mary, and their three married children and seven grandchildren. To access his books and free online podcasts, visit his website at SteveFarrar.com.



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