



CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

Connect Group Guide: WK 5 CHURCH GONE WILD: “Lead God’s Way”

Read 1 Corinthians 4

1. Paul says believers should be regarded as “servants of Christ.” How does Jesus redefine leadership and greatness compared with the way our culture defines them? Where might God be calling you to “grab an oar” and serve rather than seek recognition?
2. Paul describes believers as “stewards,” not owners. What has God entrusted to you—your family, time, finances, gifts, influence, or opportunities? How would your life change if you genuinely viewed those things as belonging to Jesus rather than to you?
3. “It is required of stewards that they be found faithful.” (1 Corinthians 4:2) Where are you tempted to measure yourself by visible success instead of faithfulness? What would simple, everyday faithfulness to Jesus look like in your current season?
4. Paul cared more about Christ’s judgment than human approval. Whose approval has the greatest influence over the way you live—Jesus’, other people’s, or your own? How does the gospel free us from both the fear of criticism and the need for applause?
5. Paul says, “Be imitators of me,” but only because his life was pointing people toward Christ. If someone imitated the way you live, serve, speak, handle conflict, spend money, and treat others, would they be drawn toward Jesus? Where do you most need to become more like Christ?
6. Jesus is the ultimate picture of servant leadership—He served people who did not deserve it and remained faithful all the way to the cross. How does remembering that Jesus served us before we were faithful to Him change our motivation for serving others? What is the difference between serving for God’s acceptance and serving from God’s acceptance?
7. The sermon ends with the truth that before we can lead like Jesus, serve like Jesus, or be faithful to Jesus, we must belong to Jesus. Why can’t genuine Christian service simply be produced through greater effort or better behavior? How does surrender to the gospel transform us from people who want to be served into people who joyfully serve?

Deeper Theological Questions

1. If salvation is entirely by grace and not by our works, why does Scripture place such a strong emphasis on our faithfulness, obedience, and service? How do passages like Ephesians 2:8–10 help us understand the relationship between grace and good works?
2. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 4:5 that Christ will “disclose the purposes of the heart” and that each believer will receive commendation from God. If believers are already justified by faith in Christ, what future judgment is Paul describing, and how should that reality affect the way Christians live today?