

LIFE GROUP GUIDE wb 18th February 2024
Key passage 1 Corinthians 4:1-13

This Week's BIG IDEA: following the lead of the Servant God

Opening the topic

Which leaders have you admired? Not just public or historical figures but leaders from school, family, church, work etc. What is it about the way they led that you admired?

Opening God's word

Read together 1 Corinthians 4:1-13

1. How does Paul describe himself as a leader in v1?
 - Apostle – 'one who is sent', preaching the gospel, planting and building up churches
 - Servant - under/lower rower – slave rowing in the lowest deck of a three-tiered Trireme (Greek/Roman warship), working hard to advance the church
 - Steward – will be called to account
2. How does Paul describe the Corinthians in vv 6-8? – uses sarcasm, calls them out for boasting
3. How does Paul describe the Apostles in vv 9-13? – leaders who go low
4. READ John 13:1-5, 12-17 – what does this show us about Jesus' leadership?
5. READ Isaiah 53:3-8 – how far did Jesus' servant leadership take him? What does this look like for us in school, work (paid/unpaid), family, church?

Time to worship

<https://youtu.be/YIOJ5o8W4Lw?si=022Ngk8ORVo5rzSJ> ('Oh that rugged cross') as you listen to/sing this song express how much Jesus won for you by going low in love

Time to pray

1 Corinthians 4:7 'what do you have that you did not receive?'

This verse should lead us to humility and thanksgiving

- Finish thanking God for every good gift he has given
- Pray for each other as we effect our culture in the way we lead by going low in love