



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF JULY 28, 2024 | LIVING WITH POWER

WARM-UP QUESTION

How has this series changed the way you live your life understanding you're a part of a "church in the wild"?

DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read 1 Corinthians 4:1-7

- Where do you see humility in these verses? How is the type of humility we see Paul display counter-cultural?
- What is Paul saying about trusting our own thoughts and spirit in these verses? What is the difference between trusting in our own spirit versus the Holy Spirit?
- When you hear the word "judgement," what comes to mind? What has been your understanding of judgement in the past?
- Based on these verses, what does Paul say about judgement? How is what Paul said different from your answers before?
- Where do you see God in these verses? What role does He play?

Read 1 Corinthians 4:8-13

- What is shocking about these verses? Is there anything about Paul's words that makes you feel uncomfortable?
- Paul points out to the Corinthians that they have lost their hunger. What does it look like to become a consumer in the church? Have you ever fallen into consumerism within your faith? What did it look like to stop consuming and start contributing?
- How is verse 12 counter-cultural? What is challenging about Paul's words here? What spiritual disciplines can you implement in your life to help you live with the kind of humility Paul writes about here?
- How do we see Jesus model the humility Paul talks about in verses 12 and 13? After you talk about this question, turn to Matthew 5:3-12. How is Paul reiterating in 1 Corinthians 4 what Jesus says in Matthew 5?



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Read 1 Corinthians 4:14-20

- How do shaming and warning look different? What does it look like to not shame someone, but instead warn them of where they are headed?
- How did Paul live by God's power? How can we imitate his actions today?
- What does the Church look like when there is a lot of talk with no action? What does faith look like when it's all talk and no action? What's one thing can you do differently this week?
- What could you be missing out on by being comfortable in your faith? How can you hold each other accountable to be less comfortable and pursue the Kingdom of God more boldly?
- Has following Jesus cost you anything lately?

RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.