ITS NO ABOUT ABOUT



This booklet is designed to lead you or your group deeper into the theme of the year. Use this guide as an individual, with your family or group of friends at a coffee shop, or your Community Group.

IT'S NOT ABOUT ME

Key Verse: "Our message is not about ourselves. It is about Jesus Christ as the Lord. We are your servants for his sake." 2 Corinthians 4:5 (GW)

2024 is a year where we prioritize the importance of reaching others, which is why our theme for Shadow Hills Church is "IT'S NOT ABOUT ME!" Taken from 2 Corinthians 4:5, we believe that the basis of Jesus' ministry and teaching was centered on what society would call "outsiders." In this text, Paul is emphasizing the central theme of humility. He encourages believers to view themselves as servants of Christ rather than promoting their own agenda or seeking personal glory. When we adopt the mindset of "It's not about me," we'll lay aside our personal preferences, so like Jesus, we can reach others for His kingdom!

As we navigate through 2 Corinthians 4:5, we'll unpack an important truth each week that will drive us to continue to live on mission for others. This verse will shift our perspective from being consumers to contributors.



The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren
Deep and Wide by Andy Stanley
Gospel by J.D. Greear

Gentle and Lowly; The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers by Dane C. Ortlund





Action Step: Reflect on your motives and attitudes in various roles, whether at work, in your family, or in the church. Approach these responsibilities with a genuine desire to serve others this week.

Begin by reading 2 Corinthians 4:5.

What is the central message of this verse, and how does it set the tone for the Christian perspective on leadership and service?

How does the concept of being "servants for Jesus' sake" challenge common notions of leadership in today's society?

Discuss examples of leaders either historical or contemporary who embody the idea of servant leadership.

Reflect on the humility of Christ as described in Philippians 2:5-8.

How does Christ's example influence the way leaders should approach their roles according to 2

Corinthians 4:5?



Action Step: Find someone this week with whom you can share the Gospel message. Pray and ask God to place someone in your life who needs to hear about Jesus.

Read Acts 2:41. What implications can we draw from the response of the multitude after hearing Peter's message?

Discuss the universal relevance of the Gospel message. How does it extend beyond individual salvation to impact broader issues like community engagement, compassion, and justice?

Paul had a message, but it wasn't one that he kept to himself. Why is it important that we share our message to others?

Share a personal experience or moment in your life when the message of the Gospel had a significant impact on you. How did it change your perspective or choices?

WEEK 3 NOT ABOUT OURSELVES

Action Step: Shift your focus this week from personal achievements to helping others succeed. Celebrate the accomplishments of those around you and offer support to help them reach their goals.

How would you define humility? How does it differ from selfdeprecation or lack of confidence?

Identify areas in your life where pride may be hindering your ability to serve others effectively. Actively seek opportunities to humble yourself, considering the needs and perspectives of those around you.

Explore Bible passages that highlight the importance of humility, such as Philippians 2:3-4 and James 4:6. What insights do these verses provide about the role of humility in the Christian life?

In Mark 12:30-31 Jesus said the two greatest commandments are to love God and to love people. Why do you think Jesus prioritized these two commandments over all the rest?

WEEK 4

Action Step: What priorities do you need to change or rearrange this week to help you center your faith and your life on Jesus? Begin by reorienting your mind around Who He is and what He has done for you. Commit to reading 1 John this week.

What does the term "gospel" mean, and how would you explain it to someone unfamiliar with the Christian faith?

Paul made sure to center all his ministry and teaching on Jesus. Why do you think making Jesus the center of all things is important as we engage our city?

Read 1 John 2:2. Reflect on the significance of Jesus' suffering and sacrificial death on the cross for the redemption of humanity. How does this aspect of Jesus' journey impact your understanding of salvation?

Reflect on the importance of Jesus' resurrection. How does the resurrection provide hope and assurance for believers?



Action Step: Identify one tangible way you can serve someone in your community group or circle of influence this week and commit to doing it.

How do you personally define servanthood? What characteristics or actions come to mind when you think of someone with a servant's heart?

Explore key Bible passages that highlight the importance of servanthood, such as Mark 10:45 and Philippians 2:3-7. What insights do these passages offer about the Christian perspective on servanthood?

Discuss how cultural values may challenge the concept of servanthood. In what ways does society promote self-interest over selfless service?

Reflect on Jesus' example of servanthood, particularly His act of washing the disciples' feet (John 13:1-17). How does His example inspire and guide our own practice of servanthood?





