

**IT'S NOT  
ABOUT ME**



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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

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**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.

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## FURTHER READING

**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

# WEEK 1

## IT'S NOT ABOUT ME

**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.

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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?



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