

FIRST CORINTHIANS

Trustworthy Leaders | Week 7

1. Catch Up On Life:

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

- Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?
- What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2. Review the Mission:

Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us out as ambassadors of His reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

People:

- Reactive - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
- Proactive - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, STC partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Columbia)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve and build relationships with this group?

Plan:

- Are there any rhythms already planned, or an extra rhythm we could plan, to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?

Pray: Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.



3. Sermon Discussion:

God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a LifeGroup throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25)

Primary Passage: 1 Corinthians 4:1-21

Read and Recap: Have someone read **1 Corinthians 4:1-21**. Recap the highlights from this week's sermon.

- What stood out from the sermon and from the qualities of a trustworthy leader?
- In what ways are you already a "leader" in some way (LifeGroup leading, core membership, church membership, parenting, in the workplace etc)?
- Are there any ways you need to more fully embrace a "leadership role" that God has given you? How so?
- Who are some of the trustworthy leaders in your life? How can you encourage and thank them this week?

Were there any of the seven markers of a trustworthy leader you know that you need to grow in? How so? How would it change the way you approach the people you are building with to grow in one of these seven areas?

4. Engage the Heart:

Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)

- Is there any relational weirdness with anyone in your life this week? How can you lovingly restore peace with them?
- Are there any areas in which you're struggling to receive and walk in God's forgiveness?
- Do any of your actions or thoughts this week reveal a disbelief in the gospel? How would rightly believing the gospel change these? (Rest the LG, speak in to this. Offer gospel wisdom in light of their confessed sin habits).

Pray: James tells us that a community that regularly confesses sin and prays for each other will see a lot of healing. Confess your sins in prayer and pray for each other.