

**How can this group support you in prayer this coming week?**



**Leaders and Losers**  
1 Corinthians 3:18-4:21  
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**The perspective of a leader**

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## Leaders and Losers

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Message-based Group Lesson

### Overview

In this final message of the series, Paul gives an impassioned plea to be the kind of spiritual leaders that truly lead others toward Christ and build up the body of Christ. Forsaking the wisdom of this world and its deification of self and pursuing a selfless, sacrificial life allows us an incredible freedom to be who God has created us to be. When we are secure in our identity in Christ, when we know that we do not have to live for the applause of men, then we can live lives of dedication to Christ that others can follow. Leadership is not about having an office or a position, but rather having a life that is worth following.

### Engaging with each other

1. Think of a hobby you enjoy doing. Who is a leader within that sphere that you respect and try to emulate? Why did you choose them?

### Engaging with the Bible

#### *The Identity of a Leader*

1. Read 1 Corinthians 3:18-23. What does Paul say the identity of a leader is? Why is it so important that this identity be the leader's foundation?

#### *The Perspective of a Leader*

2. Read 1 Corinthians 4:1-13. In what ways does our serving Christ only and being faithful to him give us freedom?

### *The Authority of a Leader*

3. Read 1 Corinthians 4:14-21. In this passage Paul makes his appeal to the Corinthians by referencing the following people:
  - Dear children
  - Ten thousand guardians in Christ
  - Fathers
  - Son

What does he mean by each reference? What point is he trying to make in his appeal?

### Engaging with our lives

1. In considering the *Cross-Centered Community* message series and the first 4 chapters of 1 Corinthians, what is one key takeaway for you?
2. As you *Lead Where You Are*, what area would you say you most struggle with:
  - The identity of a leader?
  - The perspective of a leader?
  - The authority of a leader?
3. Silently re-read and reflect on 1 Corinthians 4:16, and then ask yourself the following question: If someone asked me, "What does the way of life in Christ Jesus look like?", would I be able to freely say, "...I urge you to imitate me?" Why or why not?

Share your thoughts with the group.