

Group Discussion Guide
Sermon: 1 Corinthians 4:1-2
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The Church United: Week 9

Passage: 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

“This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.”

Last week Pastor David shared from 1 Corinthians 4 on the topic of accountability—what it fosters, what it reveals, and what it requires. Today, Pastor Danny de Armas will share from 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 and challenge us to consider how we are personally stewarding the mysteries of God in our own lives.

Introduction: This discussion guide serves as a conversation starter for your small group. Every week we will feature an icebreaker question in the **Getting Started** section. Your main discussion will be centered around the **Big Idea** section where you will read the key passage and answer suggested questions based on the sermon. Feel free to use some or all of these questions or add your own. Finally, in the **My Life** section we will give you a couple of ways to practically apply what we have learned together and a closing suggested prayer to pray.

Getting Started: This week we “Spring Forward” which means we get 1 extra hour of daylight in the evening. Do you love it or not? What are you going to do with your extra hour of light each day?

Big Idea:

Read 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 in a couple of different Bible translations to help bring to light what the passage means. (Suggestions ESV, NIV, KJV, The Message, Amplified).

What are the mysteries of God that Paul refers to in verse 1? Who are the mysteries of God revealed to and how? How does this make you feel as a follower of Christ?

Cross references: Colossians 2:2, 1 Peter 4:10, Romans 16:25, Luke 8:10, 1 Corinthians 2:7

Why is Paul a good example of a trustworthy and faithful steward of the mysteries of God? If they imitate Paul, what would also be true of the Corinthians?

Look back at 1 Corinthians 1:4-9. What does Paul say is true of them already?

Read 1 Corinthians 4:16-17: Who does Paul send to the Corinthians as an example of his faithfulness to steward the mysteries of God and be worthy of imitation? Do you find it interesting that Paul sent a person? Why or why not?

Cross Reference: Acts 16:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:1-4,

My Life: How are you using your influence and resources to serve others? Who are 2-3 people in your everyday life that you can pour into like Paul poured into Timothy? What are some ways as a group you can impact other generations? Come up with examples and pick 1-2 ways to make a difference together.

Prayer: LORD, thank you that you have revealed to us the hidden mysteries of your plan through Christ and by the power of your Holy Spirit. May we be faithful stewards who seek to share the Gospel with others and find ways to impact every generation for Christ.