

Legitimate Leadership
1 Corinthians 4:1-21
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Order of Worship

Preparing our Hearts: If you arrive a little early, prepare your heart for worship by reading and thinking about this text:

- Isaiah 53:2-4 (on screen)

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
 - “O Come All Ye Faithful”
- We humbly respond with praise
 - “Holy Is The Lord”

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
 - O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments,
we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.
To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness,
for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. (Daniel 9:4-5, 9-10)
- God’s grace
 - “Good Christian Men Rejoice”

What we Believe: As a church we want to affirm our unity in what we believe.

- *We believe that there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all. He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. Amen.*
(Based on 1 Tim. 2:5-6; 3:16)

Prayer: We bring our requests to the Lord through Jesus Christ.

Church Life/Greeting: In Christ, we live and fellowship together as believers. We take time to learn what is going on in our church, and to greet one another as we worship.

Prayer for Understanding: We pray that God will open our hearts and minds to the preaching of His Word.

Sermon:

- 1 Corinthians 4:1-21

Lord's Supper: In taking communion together, we remember the death of Christ as we proclaim it to one another as we consume the elements.

- "My Soul Finds Rest"

Praise to God (Doxology): We end our time of worship together as we resound in praises together.

- "The Stand"

God Blesses: We go into the world this week with God's blessings as He enables us to serve Him.

- Hebrews 13:20-21

Postlude:

- "My Soul Finds Rest"

Growth Group Questions

1. What leadership characteristics do you think our culture values the most?
2. How do these characteristics compare with what Paul describes in this text?
3. Why is it hard to remember that our church leadership is accountable to God first and foremost? Why is this crucial for us to remember?
4. Why is Paul's suffering not the leadership model the Corinthians are looking for?
5. How do pride and humility influence the kinds of Christian leadership we value?

Next Week: 1 Corinthians 5:1-13