



A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of October 29, 2023

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Warm Up

- What happens in your heart and relationships with others when you are proud & arrogant?

I Corinthians 4:17-5:6a

The Kingdom & The Arrogant

^{4:17} That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church. ¹⁸ Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. ¹⁹ But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. ²⁰ For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. ²¹ What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

- **Why did Paul send Timothy to Corinth? (17)**
- **Paul conflicts with the arrogant members of the Corinthian church who are undermining his apostolic authority (18-19). What does Paul mean when he says that, “the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power”? (20)**
- **What is the kingdom of God? How do we experience this kingdom?**

- **What terrible issue is going on in the Corinthian church? What is happening spiritually to their fellowship?**

³ For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. ⁴ When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, ⁵ you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

^{6a} Your boasting is not good.

- **How does Paul call the Corinthians to respond? How are these steps intended to bring restoration to the church, the offender, and the offended?**
- **Reflect on this week's passage together, and use it as a guide for a time of prayer.**

^{5:1} It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. ² And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

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