



TALK IT OVER QUESTIONS

For the week of April 12, 2026

1 Corinthians 4

1. Faithfulness Over Fame

Paul reminds us that leaders are not celebrities but servants and stewards. The Corinthians were chasing influence and aligning with impressive leaders, but Paul redirects them to something deeper—faithfulness. Like your CJ camp story, real impact often happens in unseen, uncomfortable places—not on a stage.

Where in your life are you tempted to chase recognition, comfort, or influence instead of simply being faithful to what God has called you to do right now?

2. Your Platform is a Stewardship (You're Already "The Leader")

Paul says we are servants of Christ and managers of God's message. That means you don't need a bigger platform—you already have one. Whether it's your home, workplace, friendships, or church, you are *THE leader* in the spaces God has placed you—just like you were in that dorm room at camp.

Where has God already placed you as "the leader," and what would it look like to intentionally serve and influence people in that space this week?

3. God's Scoreboard (Whose Approval Matters?)

Paul refuses to be controlled by people's opinions—good or bad—because he knows God is the only true judge. In a world driven by approval, comparison, and performance, this shifts everything. God's scoreboard isn't based on applause—it's based on faithfulness.

Whose approval (people, pressure, expectations—even your own) most affects how you live, and how would your life change if you truly lived for God's approval alone?

4. From Applause to Imitation (Following vs. Watching)

The Corinthians were content to admire leaders instead of becoming them. But Paul says, "*Imitate me.*" This isn't about watching from the sidelines—it's about stepping into the mission. Following Jesus means picking up your cross, not just clapping for someone else who does.

In what ways have you been more of a spectator than a participant in your faith, and what is one step you can take to actively follow Jesus this week?

5. From Talk to Power (Living the Gospel)

Paul contrasts empty talk with real spiritual power. A godly legacy isn't built on words, image, or status—but on a life marked by obedience, humility, and perseverance—even when it's hard or unseen.

What is one area where you know what God is calling you to do—but you haven't acted yet—and what step of obedience can you take this week?

PRAYER REQUESTS:
