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COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Leader's Guide – April 18/19 2026

GATHER + GROW

Deeply rooted by being formed through the word of God.

This biblically based content overlaps with the current weekend teaching at your Northview campus and positions you, as a group, to be shaped by studying Scripture.

- **Pray.** Acknowledge God's presence + ask for his help to hear what he's saying through the text. Idea: ask another person to do this. A sample prayer: **"Father, thank you for this time we have. We acknowledge that you are here with us and we ask for your help to hear what you're saying through your word by your Spirit. We commit our time to you for your glory and our good. Amen."**
- **Share a takeaway from the April 18/19 sermon.** "Is there something the Holy Spirit highlighted for you?" For each person to share an insight they got or an action step they are taking from the sermon could use up your time. This might be a good use of your time, but if you want to go further into the study of the text below, indicate this upfront
- **Facilitate a brief study of 2 Cor 4:1-6**
 Start the conversation with an 'Icebreaker.'
If you could witness one miracle of the Bible with your own eyes, which one would you choose? Why?

Study Step 1: Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Familiarize yourself with this section of verses. (Note characters, commands, key/repeated words!)

Study Step 2: Understand Their Story – (With answer key + leaders notes)

Ask *observation questions* to understand what the author is communicating to the original audience.

- **Take a look at 2 Cor 4:1-6**
 - Read 2 Cor 3:7-11 to remind yourself what type of 'ministry by the mercy of God' (4:1) Paul has. Write down what this ministry is.
 - **A ministry righteousness, life, the Spirit, of greater glory than the old (Moses covenant)**
 - What does receiving such a ministry produce in Paul?
 - **Courage-'do not lose heart' (1)**
 - **Integrity in action-'renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways' (2)**
 - **Integrity in speech-'refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word'**
 - **Integrity of heart-telling the truth commending 'ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God' (2)**
 - Even if veiled, who alone is the Gospel veiled to?
 - **'Only to those who are perishing' (3)**
 - What else do you learn about those who are veiled/perishing?
 - **'Blinded' by the god of this world (4)**
 - Compared to those who are blinded, how does Paul describe the Gospel message he proclaims? What does he say it is like in v 6?
 - **'Jesus Christ as Lord' (5a)**
 - **'Light' (4b)**
 - **Like creation, the light that shines in us of Christ in the Gospel shows we are a new creation.**
 - **V6: "for God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ"**
- *Reflection question: Would it be said about you that you live in constant integrity as Paul emphasizes? Is your integrity of living due to your identity in Jesus and His Gospel?*
- Take these observations into the next step below.

Study Step 3: Connect To God's Story –

Ask questions to understand how this text fits in the larger gospel story.

We've selected a few connections that are here to a) expand on the content of the passage and/or b) clarify the content of the passage.

- **For further study on your own:**
 - *Light/Creation imagery:* This is not the first usage of light in association with God.
 - Read Gen 1:1-3 and Isa 9:1-3. What comparisons do you see between the creation in Genesis, Isaiah's promise of a future deliverance, and how Paul describes what we receive in the Gospel of Christ?
 - Read John 1:1-14. How does John compare the Light of creation, and the appearance of Jesus? Specifically 1:4-5, and 1:9-14 (note that John speaks of the Word and the Light as the same who "dwelt among us"). Compare John and Paul's use of light, what it refers to, and what it accomplishes.
 - *Read Gal 1:15-16; Phil 1:15–18; 1 Th 2:4.*
What do these texts and their surrounding context emphasize about why Paul desires to uniformly preach Christ alone?
- *Reflection question: How would being so uniformly Jesus-centred as Paul and the other apostles change the way your daily life looked?*
- Take these observations into the next step below.

Step 4: Apply To Our Story

Ask questions to discern what God is telling us to do with the help of the Holy Spirit.

- How has the Gospel changed the way you live (think, act, speak) compared to before you were saved, or in a season where you were stagnant?
- Paul ties his heart posture, words, actions to the mercy received from God in Christ. What is one way you could grow in your integrity through the Gospel of Christ this month? Share a habit, and a particular way you will walk more in line with the mercy you have received. (Have it be something you can be held to account on)
- Spend some time praying to the Lord, thanking him for taking away the veil of our hearts and minds. SPend time asking for a greater unveiling for yourself and those you know who are blind.

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Deeply rooted by participating in the mission of God.

These culturally relevant applications are meant, with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, to prompt actions that bring the life of God's kingdom into us and out to others.

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- Pray for those far from God that you personally know, by name.
Leaders note: This is something that we're putting deliberately at the top here. Every time. ("5x5x5 cards" are available at each campus on the weekend, and our "Loving The Lost" group prayer guide is attached to our weekly group leader email.)
 - Is there something that seems especially relevant for us to do personally based on our discussion?
Leaders note: This is something that may overlap with the "Apply To Our Story" step in the "GROW" section above, but here it is meant to help narrow down a specific thing that people actually plan to commit to doing.
 - Is there something we as a group should plan to do together based on our discussion?
Leaders note: Depending on the applications you've discussed in the "GROW" section, there could be opportunities to serve others as a group. Or, perhaps to gather for worship, prayer, and/or equipping together.
 - Is there something we as a group should plan to do to spend time with someone who doesn't yet follow Jesus? Or to make/strengthen connections with our neighbours?