

LIFE GROUP LEADERS GUIDE

Whatever You Do #4 – “Everyday Ambition”

Tips for Leaders

As people’s views of themselves and one another can often be unhelpfully shaped by what they do (their job, unemployment, marital status, earning power) it would be worth setting the scene for this particular topic early on, not so that you can all avoid what might be a difficult discussion, but rather so that you can invite people to be open with one another in a context of compassion, celebration and faith.

Two brilliant and complementary passages are **John 13:1-5** and **Philippians 2:1-11**. Both of these speak clearly of Jesus’ humility, his acceptance of his great position and authority and of how we should follow in his footsteps.

CONNECT IN with one another

This could be a good opportunity to learn a bit about how people spend their time during the week, and to talk about whether the series has caused them to make any changes to how they live.

CONNECT UP with God

In **John 13** the Bible shows us that Jesus’s servant-heartedness stems from his acceptance of the great honour and position that he knows his Father will keep for him. In the gospel, and in the kingdom, all of this honour is ours in Jesus! Lead the group to meet with God and invite people to share their favourite promises from the word of God. Pray and expect God to deepen people’s understanding of his tremendous love for each of them.

CONNECT OUT with those exploring faith around you

Either:

Continue to focus on the great promises of God for each believer, in prayer and or discussion; explain and explore the idea that we cannot really effectively share the good news with others until we really know the good news, and the God of the gospel, for ourselves.

Or

Spend some time talking and praying about what it means to be ambitious for others, in church and in your wider circles of friends or acquaintances. Encourage people to be prayerful and discerning about the areas of their lives where they might need to lay down selfish ambition. Pray for one another to find opportunities to love and bless others during. You might want to pray consider praying in twos or threes, or for one other one by one.