



WEEK FIVE | A GENTLE WARNING

One of the hardest things in life is the task of raising children. If you are doing it or have done it, no need to say more.

What does it require to raise a child?

What has surprised you the most when it comes to raising children or working with children?

THE SITUATION

Paul had to become a spiritual father to these infant believers. Learning to become like Jesus isn't a quick process. It requires an ability or desire to focus on who he is when everything around you is enticing you to go a different direction.

Read 1 Corinthians 4:14-17

What can you be prideful about?

How do you react to someone who is being arrogant?

TALK ABOUT IT

A lack of humility and sense of place in the grand scheme of things can be destructive.

Regarding spiritual leaders, why do you think many Christians and churches are dismissive when leaders or people think and act like they are above others?

How do you determine whether a leader is worthy of following?

APPLY IT

1 Timothy 3:2–13 (You don't have to read it. Have them look over the list of traits and respond to the following questions.)

What two of this list do you struggle with the most?

What two are you strongest?

What can you do (one step at a time) to let Jesus help you become more like him?

PRAY

Start now and make this time an indispensable part of your group time. It can be at the beginning, end, or wherever but don't overlook it. We have plenty to pray about.

- Pray together before you go home.
- Take requests, email them to the group, ask them to pray this week.