

## Sermon Outline

### “Servants of Christ”

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

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**Main Idea:** In giving thanks for his faithful service, and in sending out our dear beloved pastor and friend Joshua Harris, today’s sermon reminds us how we should think of our leaders.

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1. Leaders are servants of Christ (4:1)
2. Leaders are stewards of the mysteries of God (4:1)
3. Leaders are stewards who must be found trustworthy (4:2)

#### Key Quotes:

“(The Apostle) Paul says that leaders are stewards of the mysteries of God...They are handling the precious gospel...This means that absolute fidelity to the gospel is *the* requirement of true Christian leadership.” Robin

“The gospel has been faithfully handed down through the centuries to the point where we sit here today, recipients of the blessed good news—the gospel that tells us Christ lived for us, and Christ died for us, and Christ rose from the dead—and is alive this very moment to forgive us and impart to us eternal life.” Robin

#### Fellowship Starters

1. Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-4:2.
2. Discuss the general topic of leadership. How do you think about leadership and who you *follow* in your life?
3. Discuss what traits, gifts or characteristics you normally value in *the leaders of our church*? What were some of the ways that Paul sought to adjust the Corinthians expectations related to leadership in the Corinthian church?
4. Re-read Robin’s first quote. Take time to share evidences of grace for the faithfulness of Josh to this requirement as he has led our church these past 10 years through his preaching.
5. Re-read the second quote above from Robin. Take some time to consider the profound mercy and grace of God in it towards each of us individually and corporately. God is ultimately the one to whom we are to thank for this, but we can also give thanks to those faithful men and women that God has used to deliver the message of “good news” to each one of us.
6. Close in prayer thanking God for his faithfulness, and for one another, as we seek to be used by him to continue to persevere in “handing down” the gospel to the next generation.