



# LIFE GROUPS

## LEADER GUIDE

### Welcome to Session 4 of the Marks of Ownership Series!

It is hard to believe that we are in the last week of this study! By now, you are probably an expert at using the study guide and Vimeo resources. That is good news because you will need these same skills as you transition from the Marks of Ownership Study Guide to using the weekly Sermon Companions with your Life Group. Please continue the practices you have honed in this series—*reviewing the study materials, choosing the best questions for your group, starting your group with a discussion of the weekend message and SOAP*—because these will continue to be important elements in your Life Group meetings.

Check out the information below for some insights on our final session of Marks of Ownership.

#### VIDEO TEACHING SEGMENT

Shanna's testimony is unique. Her testimony is the result of God's work through people at Central who understood that **their life was not their own**. Her testimony shows us the difference that this understanding can make in the lives of others. Here are some questions you might discuss with your group this week in response to her testimony:

- How different might Shanna's life be if she had not come into contact with the people that she mentioned in her testimony?
- Is there a "Shanna" in your life that you are missing because of an inward focus or lack of generosity?
- It is hard to see sometimes how "giving away" actually fills us up. Somehow God has made a way for us to let go and gain much more than we could have hoped for.
- Jeremy mentioned the following quote from the novel *Walden*:
  - "As for Doing-good, that is one of the professions which are full. Moreover, I have tried it fairly, and, strange as it may seem, am satisfied that it does not agree with my constitution." Henry David Thoreau
- Some of us find it natural to do good. However, God calls all of us to lose our lives.

#### WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 is a small passage packed with a lot of meaning. In three sentences, we are asked to wrestle with the fact that following Jesus means recognizing his lordship over our lives. We are called to honor him in a practical and physical sense. Below are a few other scriptures that might help you to flesh out the implications of this passage:

*Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.*

- 1 Peter 1:17-19

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God--this is your true and proper worship. - Romans 12:1*





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### WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

You may have noticed questions in the study guide over the last few weeks asking the group to summarize a passage of scripture. This may be a bit intimidating, but don't skip this question because it will challenge your group! Asking you group members to summarize the verse in this section (Luke 16:10-13) will help them to understand its meaning and remember it later.

If your group is struggling to answer this question, you can simply rephrase it for them by asking, "What are one or two words that you would use to describe this teaching?" or "How would you explain this passage in one or two sentences?"

### WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

There are many opportunities to get involved with serving and giving initiatives at Central. It might help to familiarize yourself with the Next Steps below so that you can provide suggestions for your group as they work through the application questions in this section. Please note that these Next Steps are campus-specific.

### NEXT STEPS

There are always opportunities to get involved at Central. Below are a few campus-specific events that you may want to check into. If you don't see your campus on this list, check out [www.centralaz.com/serve](http://www.centralaz.com/serve) to search for serving opportunities at your campus.

Upcoming Serving Opportunities at **Gilbert**:

- Gilbert Picnic- April 14
- Gilbert Made for More Event and Blood Drive- May 14

Upcoming Serving Opportunities at **Glendale**:

- Glendale Made for More Event- April 29
- Glendale Student Ministry is looking for adults who have a passion for students! *If you want to love on our next generation and experience the power and love God has gifted our teens, this is the place for you!*

Upcoming Serving Opportunities at **Ahwatukee**:

- Ahwatukee Made for More Event- Pick Your Passion!
  - Come ready with your passion to help make a difference in God's Kingdom.
  - More information at:  
<http://www.centralaz.com/page/414?EventOccurrenceId=40>
- Ahwatukee is in need of Servant Ministers in the Children's Ministry.

All of the campuses are **introducing a new servant minister position**, called a **Discover Central Connector**. This person would serve as a face-to-face, personal guide for those most interested in connecting at Central. The position is designed to point and equip others towards fully owning their faith and the mission of Central. If you or anyone in your Life Group is interested, contact your Campus Pastor for more information.

