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**RECOGNITION OF
SMALL GROUP
LEADERS**



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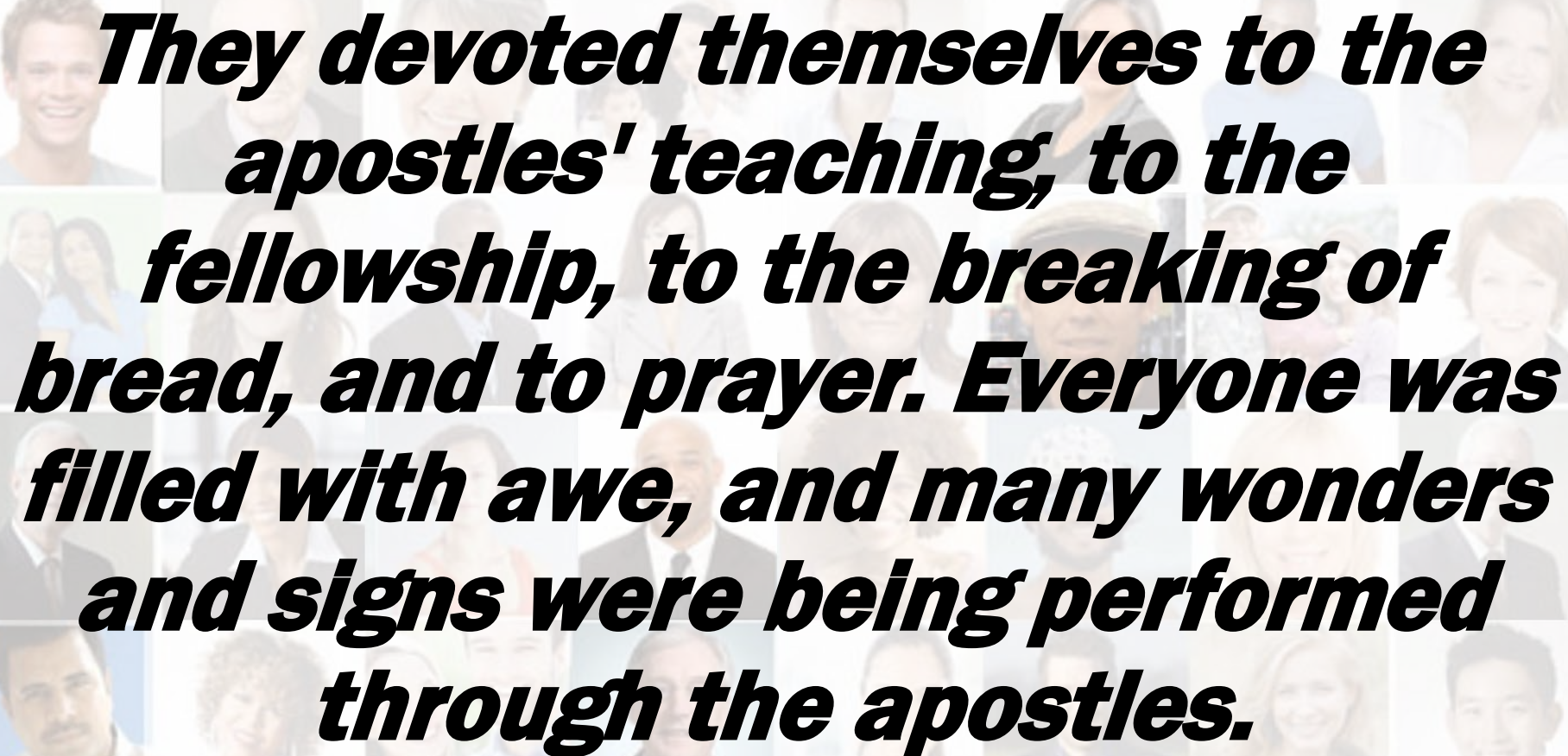
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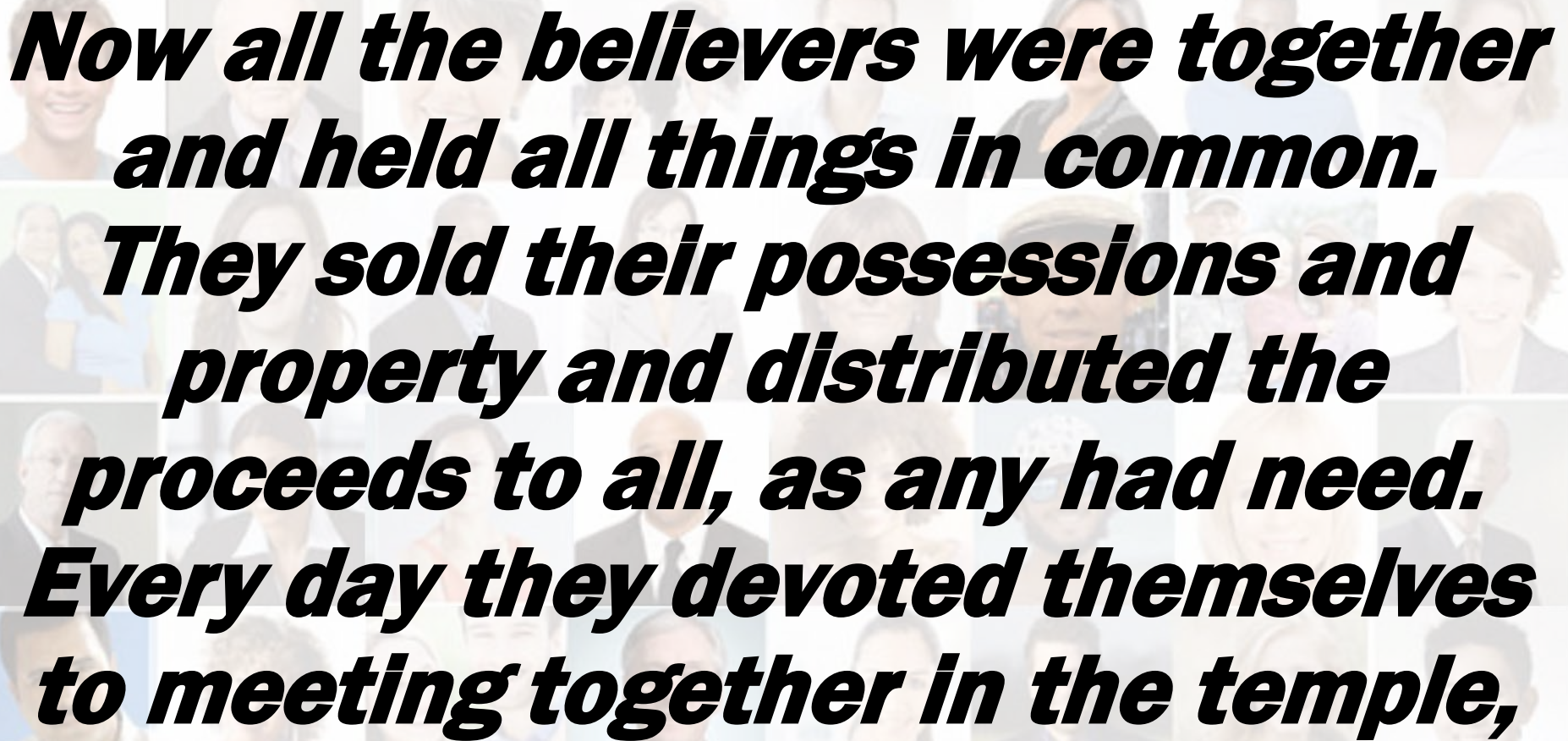
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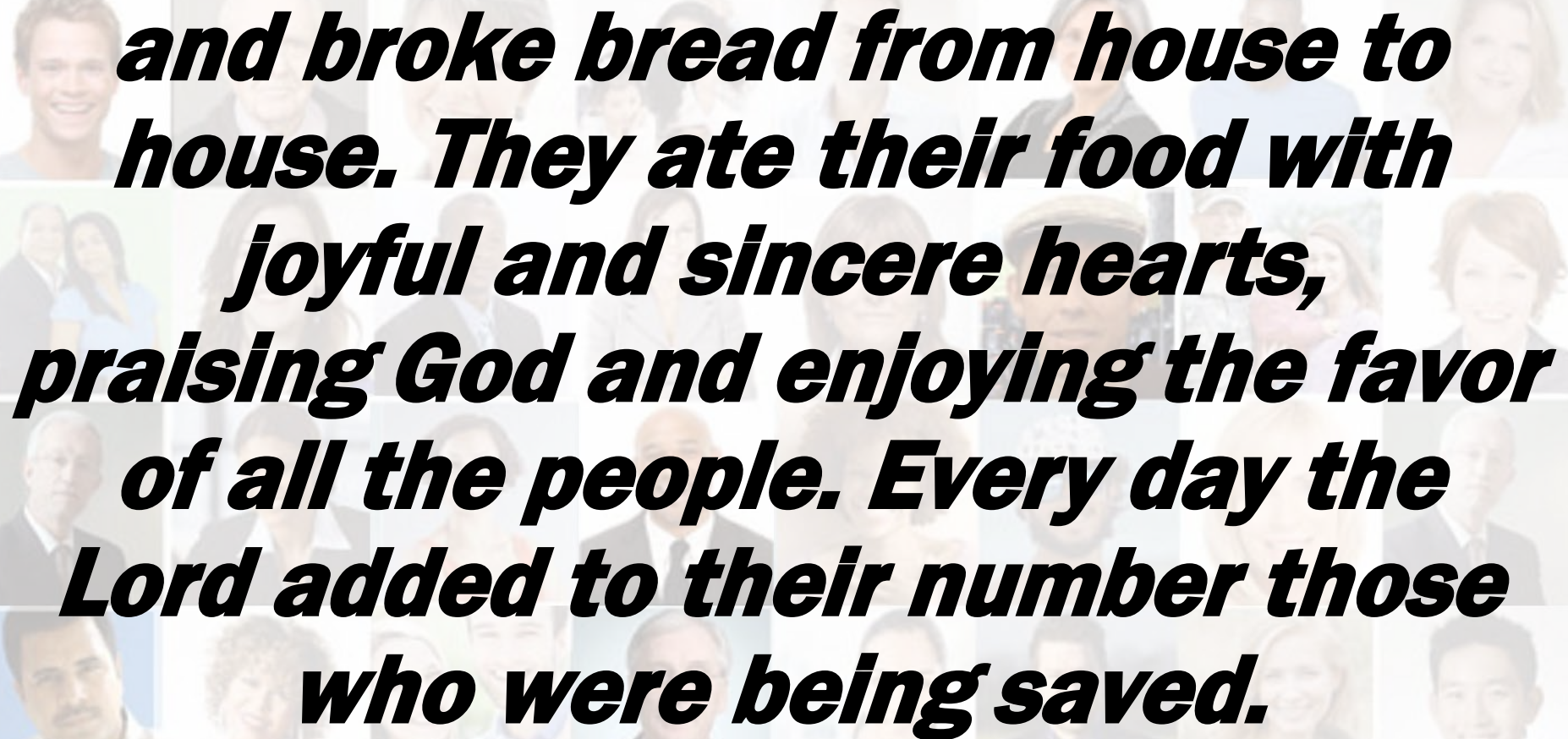
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They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles.



***Now all the believers were together
and held all things in common.
They sold their possessions and
property and distributed the
proceeds to all, as any had need.
Every day they devoted themselves
to meeting together in the temple,***



and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

(Acts 2:42-47 CSB)

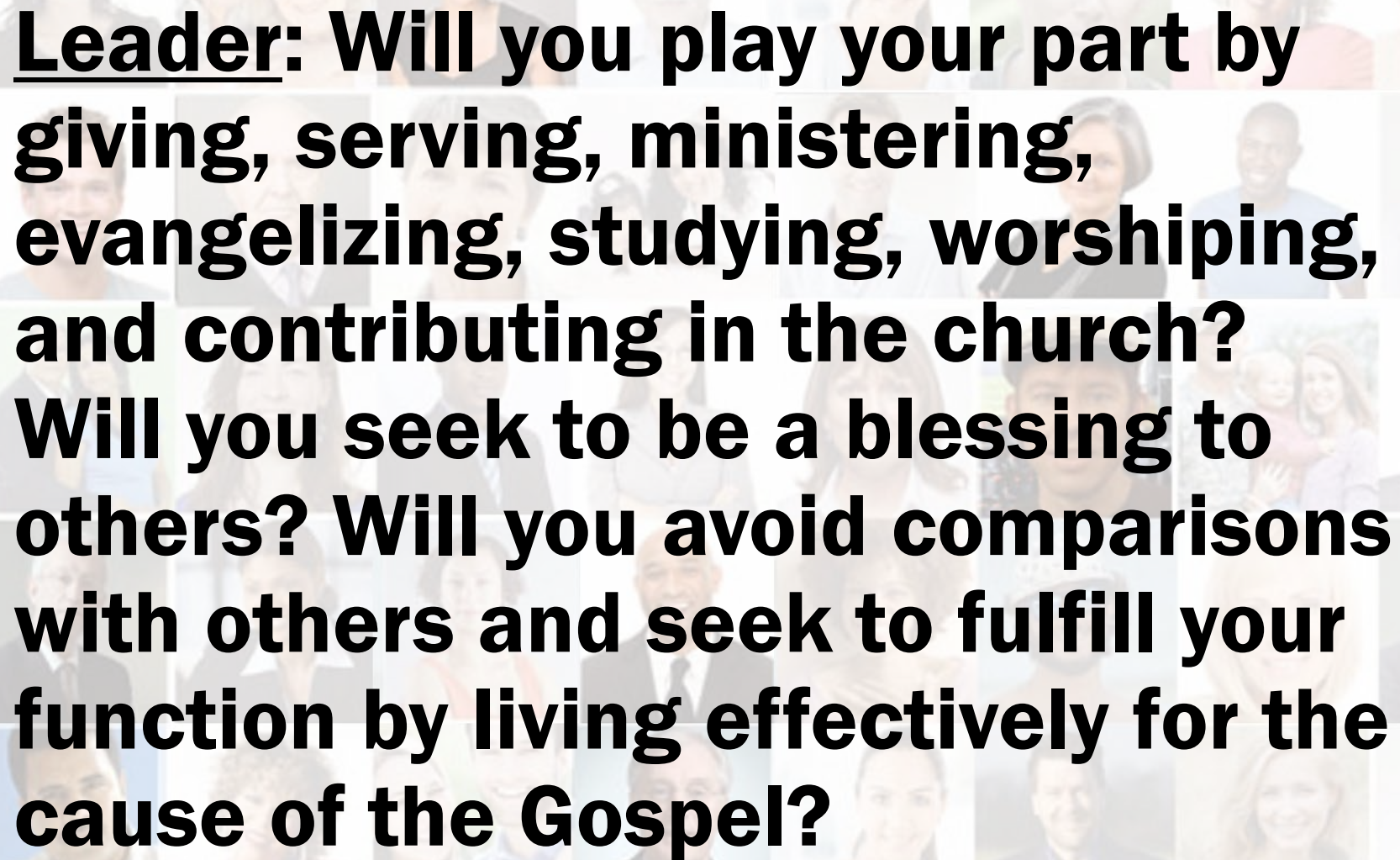


Leader: Please read **1 Corinthians 12:26-27 with me.**

People: *“If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”*

Leader: What is your response to this?

People: I will be a **FUNCTIONING church member.**



Leader: Will you play your part by giving, serving, ministering, evangelizing, studying, worshiping, and contributing in the church? Will you seek to be a blessing to others? Will you avoid comparisons with others and seek to fulfill your function by living effectively for the cause of the Gospel?

People: I will.

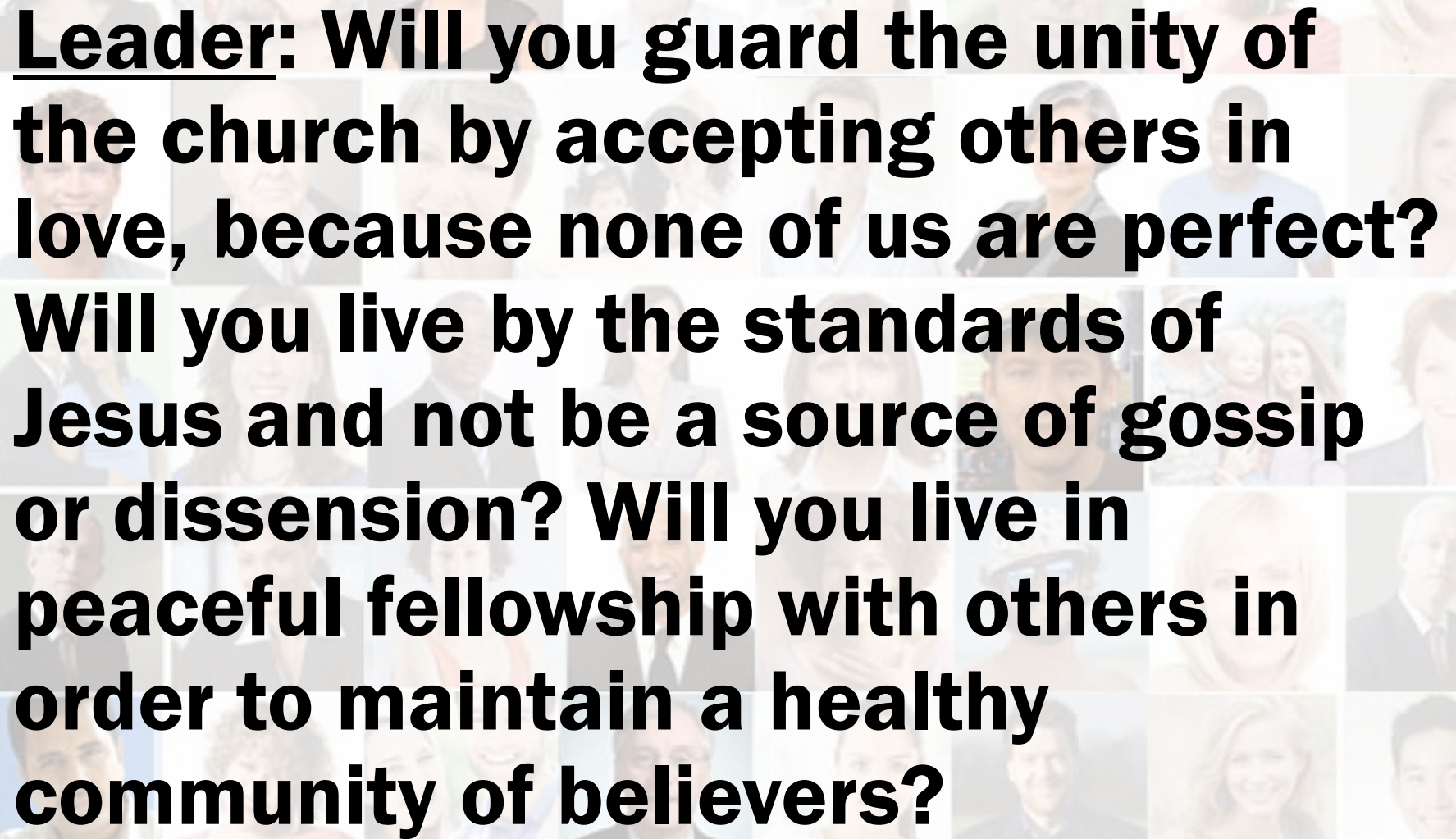


Leader: Please read Ephesians 4:2-3 with me.

People: *“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”*

Leader: What is your response to this?

People: I will be a UNIFYING church member.



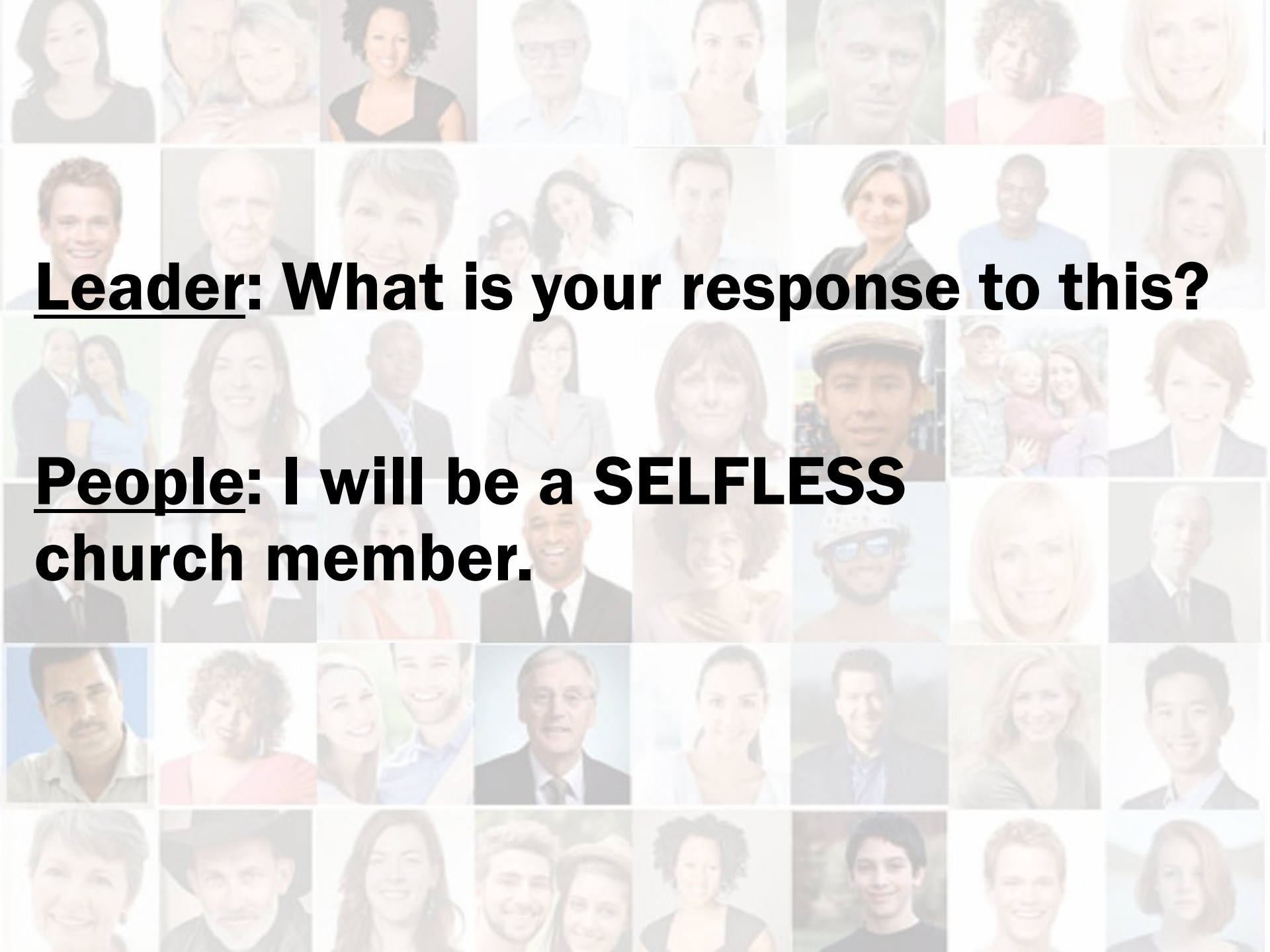
Leader: Will you guard the unity of the church by accepting others in love, because none of us are perfect? Will you live by the standards of Jesus and not be a source of gossip or dissension? Will you live in peaceful fellowship with others in order to maintain a healthy community of believers?

People: I will.



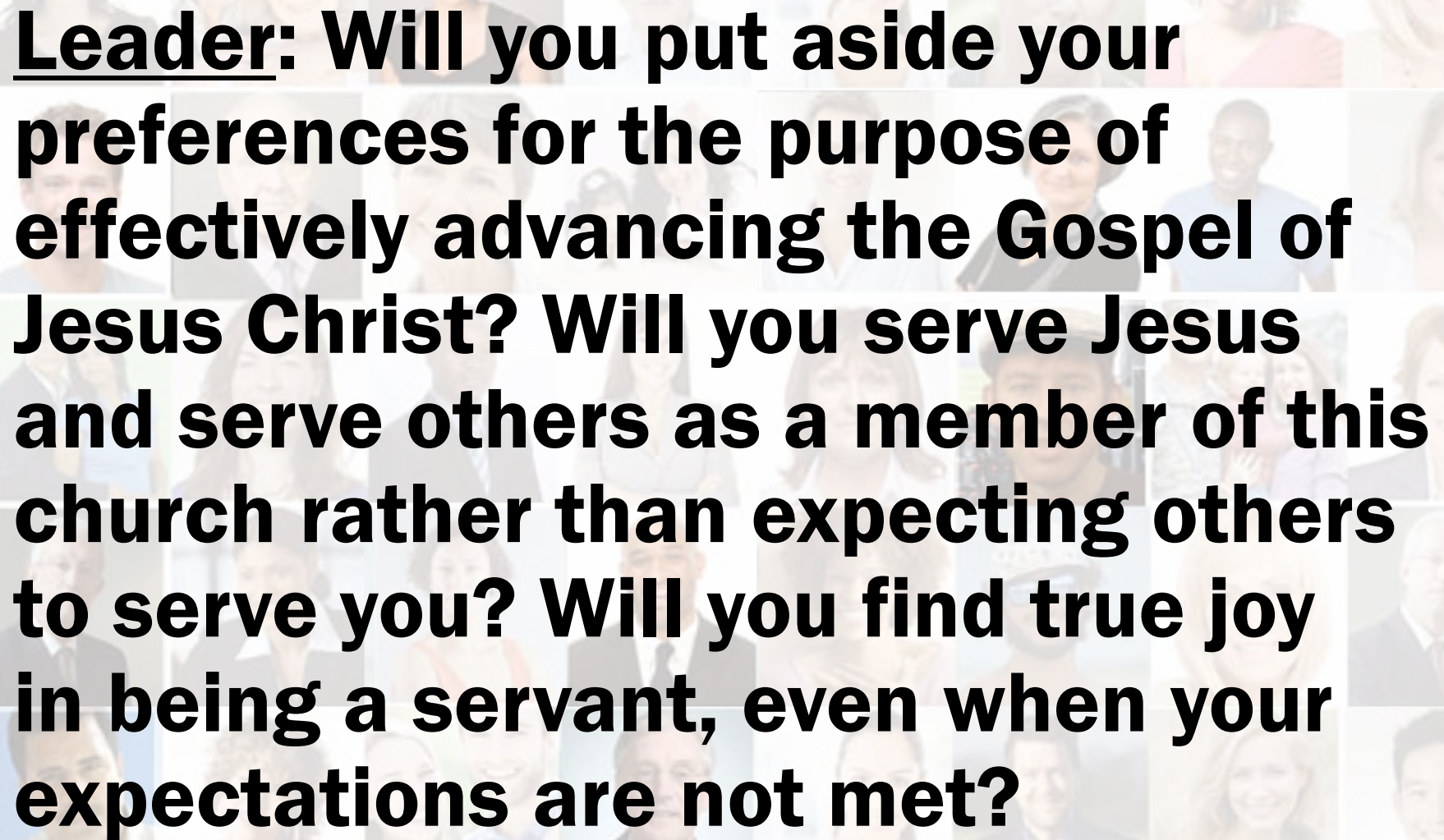
Leader: Please read Mark 10:43-45 with me.

People: *“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*



Leader: What is your response to this?

People: I will be a **SELFLESS church member.**

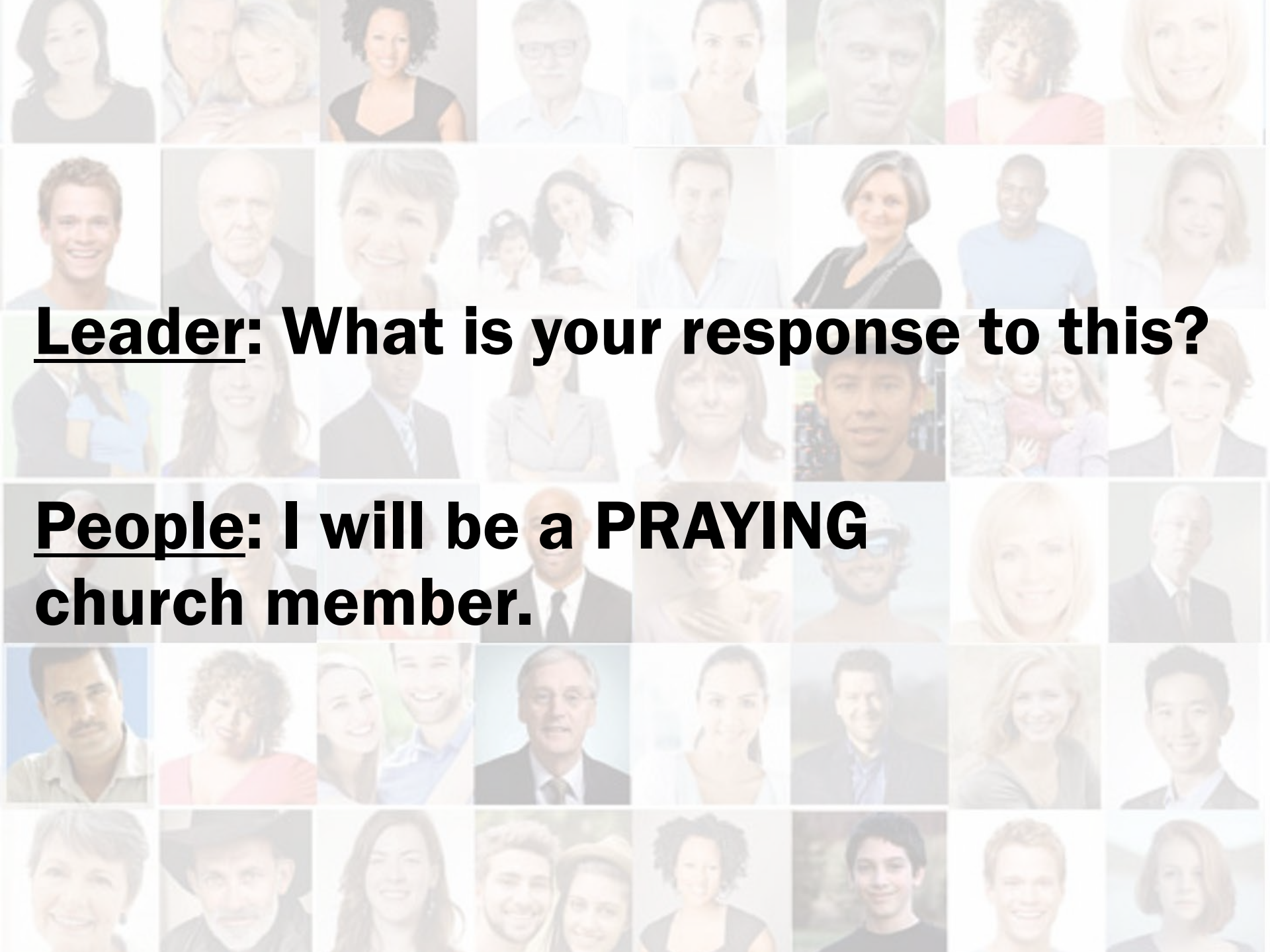
The background of the slide is a grid of many small, semi-transparent portraits of people from various ethnicities and ages, all smiling or looking positively. The text is overlaid on this grid.

Leader: Will you put aside your preferences for the purpose of effectively advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Will you serve Jesus and serve others as a member of this church rather than expecting others to serve you? Will you find true joy in being a servant, even when your expectations are not met?

People: I will.

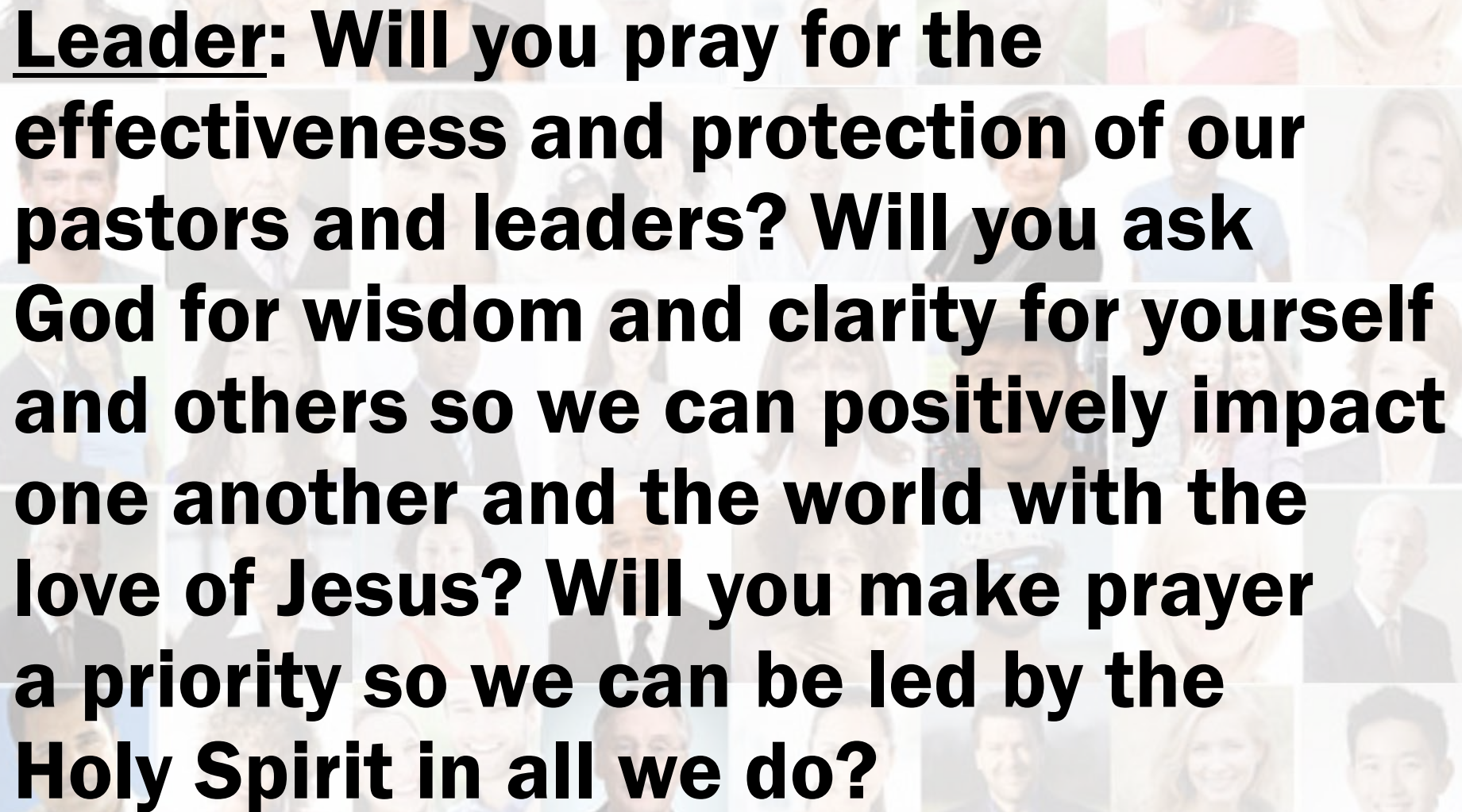
Leader: Please read Romans 15:30-31 with me.

People: “Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, through our Lord Jesus Christ and through the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in fervent prayers to God on my behalf. Pray that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints...”



Leader: What is your response to this?

People: I will be a PRAYING church member.



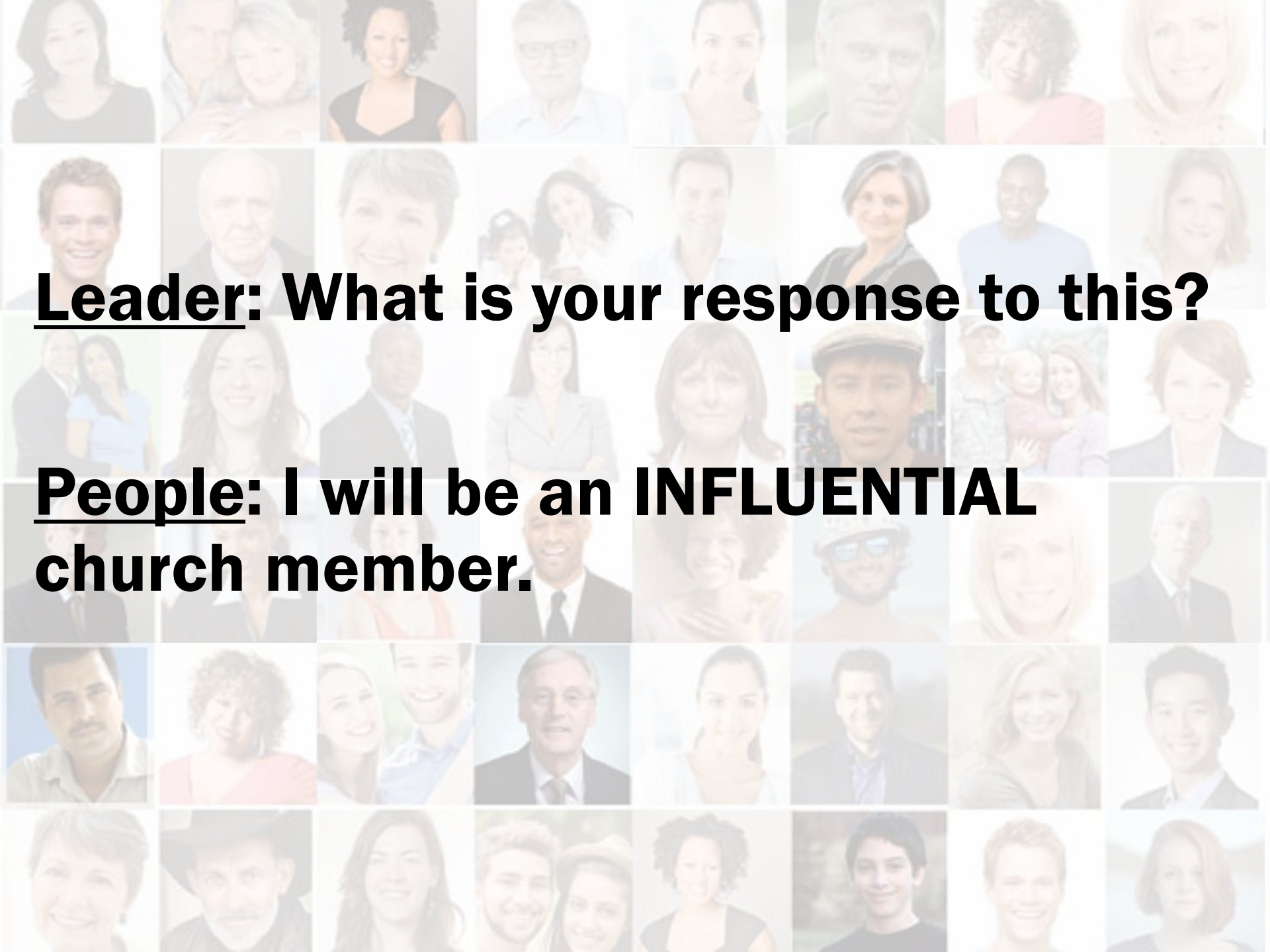
Leader: Will you pray for the effectiveness and protection of our pastors and leaders? Will you ask God for wisdom and clarity for yourself and others so we can positively impact one another and the world with the love of Jesus? Will you make prayer a priority so we can be led by the Holy Spirit in all we do?

People: I will.



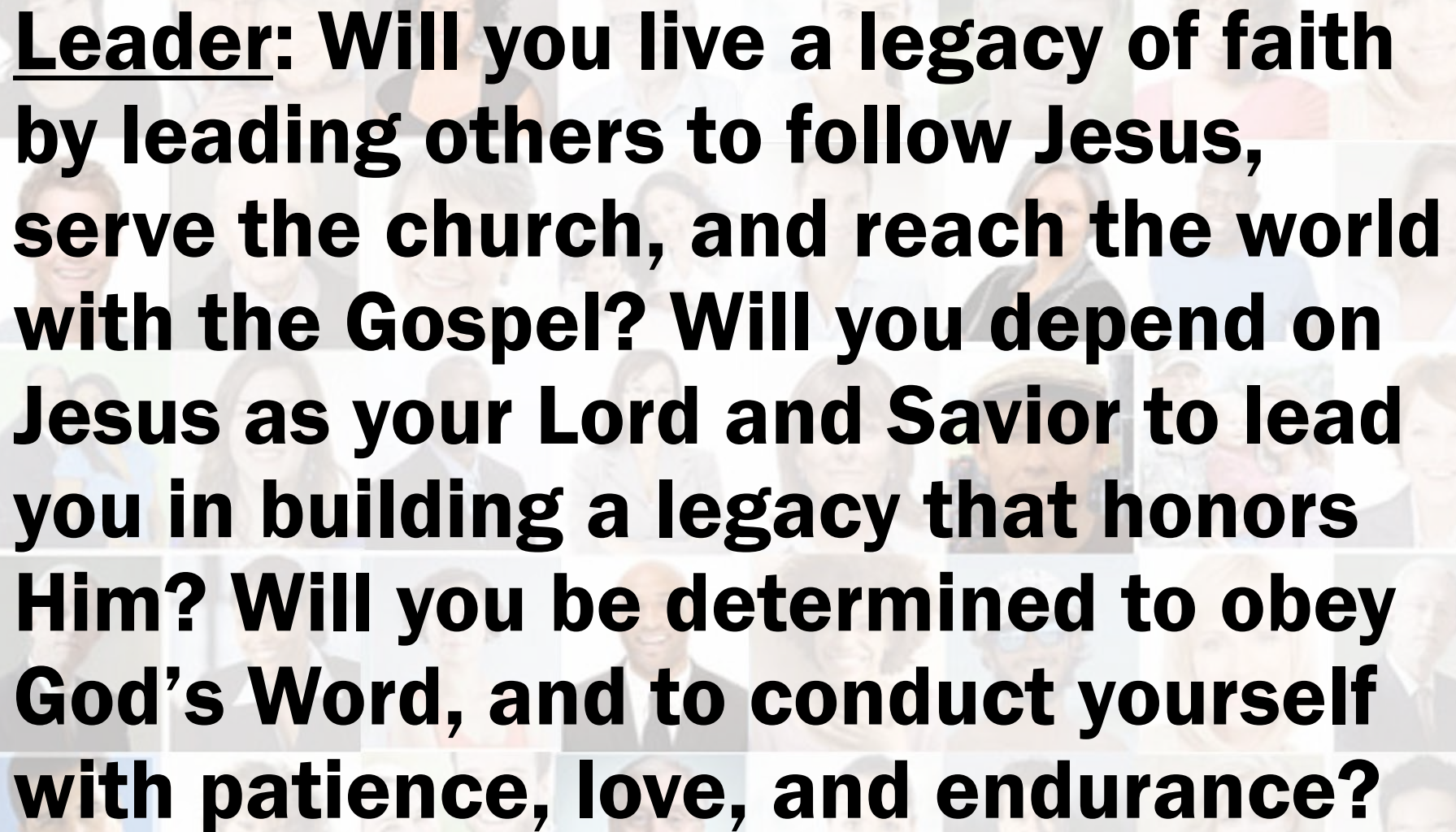
Leader: Please read 2 Timothy 1:5 and 3:10 with me.

People: *“I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and now, I am convinced, is in you also...But you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, and endurance.”*



Leader: What is your response to this?

People: I will be an **INFLUENTIAL church member.**



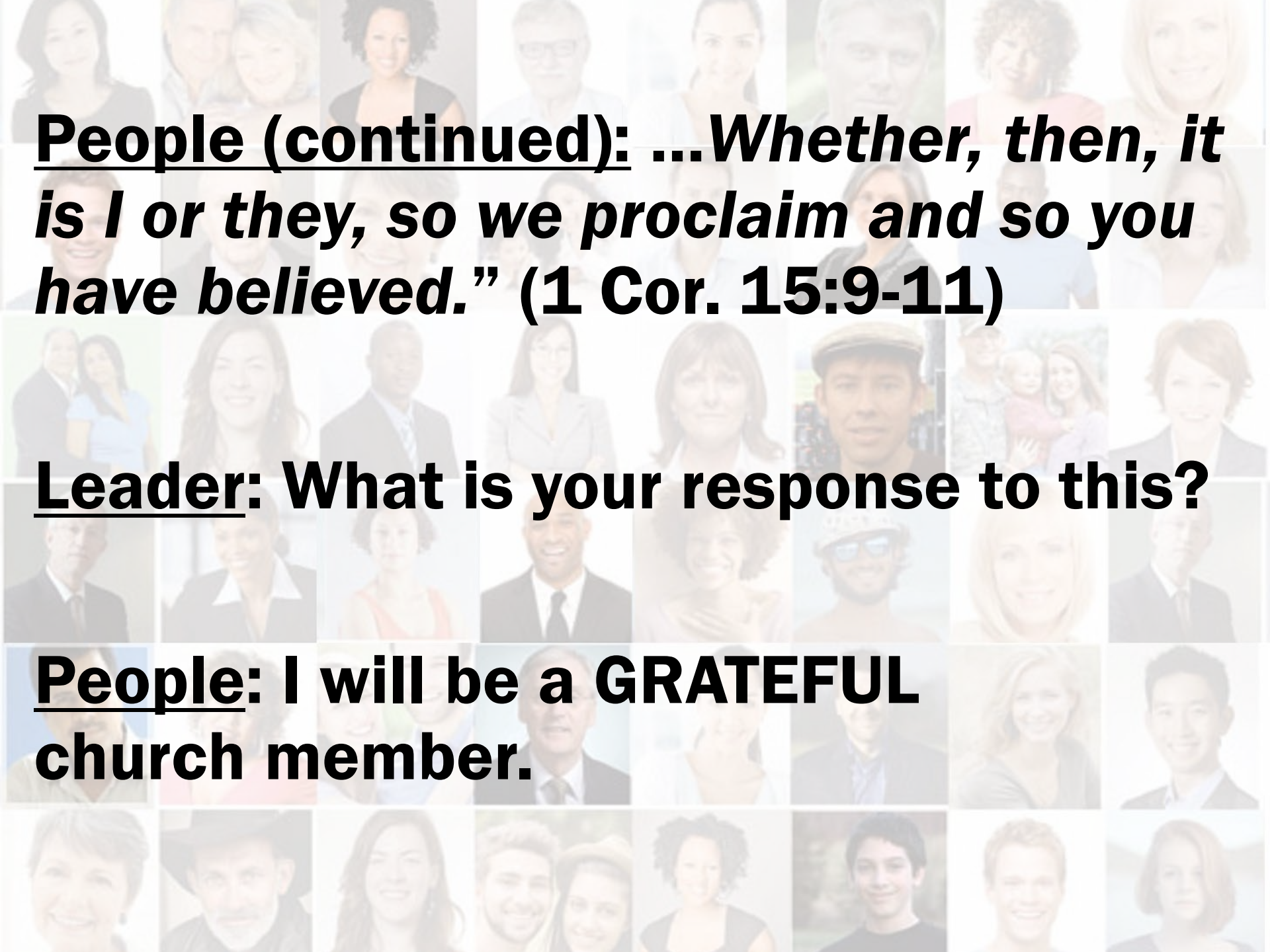
Leader: Will you live a legacy of faith by leading others to follow Jesus, serve the church, and reach the world with the Gospel? Will you depend on Jesus as your Lord and Savior to lead you in building a legacy that honors Him? Will you be determined to obey God's Word, and to conduct yourself with patience, love, and endurance?

People: I will.



Leader: Please read **1 Corinthians 15:9-11 with me.**

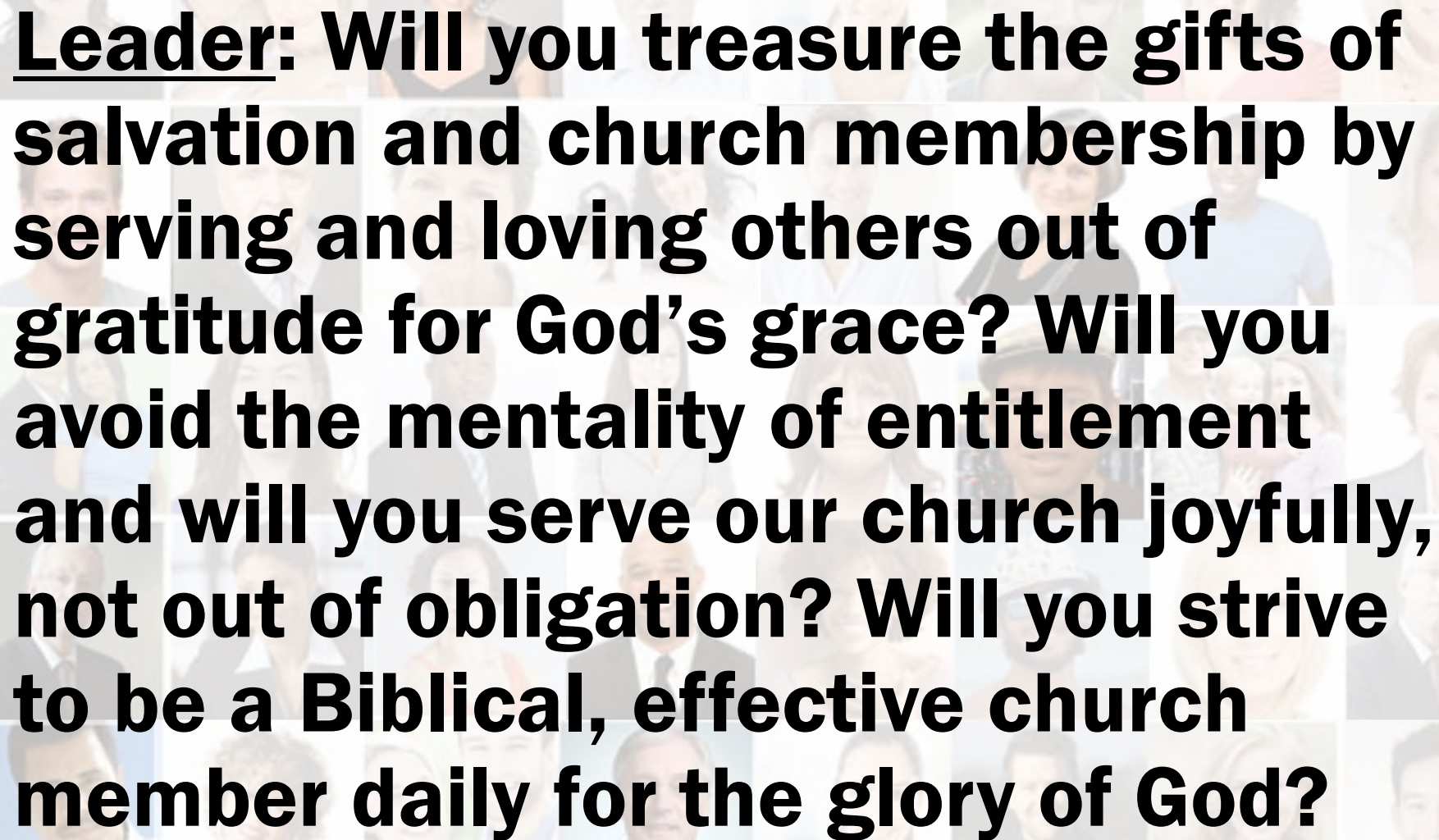
People: *“For I am the least of the apostles, not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me...”*



People (continued): ...Whether, then, it is I or they, so we proclaim and so you have believed.” (1 Cor. 15:9-11)

Leader: What is your response to this?

People: I will be a GRATEFUL church member.



Leader: Will you treasure the gifts of salvation and church membership by serving and loving others out of gratitude for God's grace? Will you avoid the mentality of entitlement and will you serve our church joyfully, not out of obligation? Will you strive to be a Biblical, effective church member daily for the glory of God?

People: I will.



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