

1 Corinthians 4 • Stewards of the mysteries of God

Study 6 — Discussion Questions

- The Apostle Paul continued the theme of divisions that have occurred by rallying around and exalting certain leader personalities. How does he encourage us to think of our church leaders? (verse 1)
- What is the most important quality of a servant (verse 2)? In what specific ways does that apply to your life?
- In verse 6 Paul warned about Christians becoming prideful. This was rampant in the Corinthian church. Read Romans 12:3-5 and discuss how this passage would also be relevant to the Corinthians *and* to us.
- The Apostle Paul mentioned himself as an example to the believers in Corinth twice in this chapter: *that you may learn by us* (verse 6), *be imitators of me.* (verse 16) This may sound self-important on the surface, but actually it is a common theme in the New Testament — to learn by imitating others who have submitted their lives to Christ. Read these passages and discuss how we can learn from others and how we should also be an example to others: 1 Cor. 11:1, Phil. 3:17, 2 Thess 3:7, Titus 2:7.
- In verse 19 Paul says he will come to make a visit *if the Lord wills.* Read James 4:15. In what area of your own life and your own plans might you need to take on this same attitude?
- One of Paul's great stand-alone phrases is found in v.20 ***For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.*** Talk is cheap but the power of the Gospel leads to a transformed life. Read Romans 12:1-2 and discuss how we can transform our minds in a way that will lead to a transformed life.

