



Community Group

Study Guide

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## 1 Corinthians 4:6–21

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- 1) Read 1 Cor. 4:6–8. Here Paul confronts the Corinthians about arrogance in the church. How had they become arrogant? What reminders help us when we wrestle with our pride (v.7)?
- 2) Discuss some indicators of pride in our lives (i.e. – easily embarrassed, self-absorbed, unthankful, impulsive in decision-making...). How can human pride tend to isolate people? How does pride lead to destruction? (Prov. 16:18).
- 3) Are you encouraged when you read v. 9–13 about what the apostles endured for the sake of the gospel? Have you ever suffered for being a Christian? What has that experience been like for you? What encourages you through suffering?
- 4) In verses 14–21 we learn about mentorship. A spiritual father is committed, lives by example, multiplies his efforts, and at times must confront. What have your experiences been in mentorship? Good, bad, ugly...? How can we improve as mentors? How can we be more open to being mentored?