

1 Corinthians 4:1-7 Discussion Questions

* What does it mean to be a “servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God”?
	+ Paul uses this phrase to describe his role in ministry. What does it look like to serve and steward rather than to lead from pride or personal vision?
	+ Ben said that our role is not to prepare the gospel meal but to deliver it. How might that reshape how you view your calling?
* Paul says, “It is required of stewards that they be found faithful.” How do we measure success differently when faithfulness is the goal instead of popularity, effectiveness, or results?
	+ Does faithfulness always look like success?
* Paul says, “It is the Lord who judges me.” What does it mean that Paul doesn’t let others’ opinions, or even his own, define him?
	+ How do you navigate the tension between healthy accountability and resting in God’s verdict?
	+ Ben said, “This is not about immunity, it’s about identity.” How does that distinction impact the way you respond to correction or praise?
* Paul urges patience in assessing others. How are we sometimes too quick to make final conclusions about people, especially in the church?
* Paul warns the church not to go beyond what is written and not to be “puffed up” against one another. Where do you see this happening in Christian communities today?
	+ What does pride look like in your own heart, especially in areas like comparison, self-righteousness, or competition?
* Paul asks: “What do you have that you did not receive?” What do you tend to take credit for in your life, your gifts, achievements, or spiritual growth?
* How does remembering that everything is a gift of grace reframe how we live and relate to others?
* Paul says, “Why do you boast as if you did not receive it?” What does it look like to boast in the Lord instead of yourself?
	+ Ben reminded us that Jesus had every right to boast, but didn’t. How does His humility shape the way you live?
* What’s one area of your life where God is inviting you to live from His view, not your own or someone else’s?
	+ How can your group pray for you to walk in that identity this week?