



Together for the gospel:
a walk through 1 Corinthians

Standing before God

1 Corinthians 4v1-7

Sunday May 15th 2016

- True for Christians; true for Christian leaders.

- Live as Servants of Christ (v1)

- Live as faithful trustees of the gospel (v1-2)



•Live life in the sight of God (v3-4)

•Live with an eternal perspective (v5)

- **Live patiently with others until then (v5)**

- **Live within 'what is written' (v6-7)**

- **Live humbly in grace (v6-7)**

Conversation starter:

Out of everyone you know, whose judgement do you most trust?



Discussion group questions

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

- Reread 4v1-7. Where were particular things the Lord spoke to you about through the talk? What did you find confusing or difficult?
- Think about our church leaders, elders etc. How should v1-2 encourage us to pray for them?
- Every Christian has been entrusted with the 'secret things of God'. For you, what is the biggest challenge to proving faithful to that trust?
- Reflect together on the following verses—Matthew 7v1-2 & 6, John 7v24, 1 Tim 5v19-20, 2 Cor 13v5. What do we learn about the ways we should and shouldn't judge one another? In 1 Cor 4v4, why won't Paul trust his own judgement?
- In reality, how do we make sure we sit under the Lord's judgement, but not our own or that of others?
- Do you live your life with an eternal perspective? How does it shape your choices, priorities and struggles with sin?
- Verse 7 challenges the comparison games we play in church. Who can we help each other stop this destructive habit?

At Work

- Verse 5 tells us the Lord will expose and reward on the final day. How should this truth change our attitudes to people and situations at work?

Pray for one another!