



Together for the gospel:
a walk through 1 Corinthians

A chip off the old block?

1 Corinthians 4v8-21

Sunday May 22nd 2016

- The rubber is about to meet the road!

- Getting real: nowhere to hide

- Smug Christianity that badly misses the point (v8-10)



- **'Disappointing' disciples genuinely like Jesus (v11-13)**

- **Know nothing but the cross of Jesus**

- **Tough love and a gentle heart**

- **We are family! (v14-15)**

- **A chip off the old block (v16-17)**

- **Paul's PAT test (v18-21)**

- **There is no other way of following Jesus!**

Conversation starter:

Who do you most want to be like? Why?



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 4v8-21. What most struck you from these verses?
- What are the benefits, in this life, of being a follower of Jesus? Are these things seen and understood by the world around us?
- In what ways can you associate with Paul in v9-13?
- In what ways are we tempted to feel we have 'arrived' (v8)?
- Who is able to do the job of 'warning' in your life? (v14)
- How do you feel about encouraging people to 'imitate' you? Why? How does 11v1 make things better/worse?
- What was the role of Timothy? How can growth groups be 'timothy' for us?
- In v19 Paul speaks about talking and power. How do we prevent ourselves being 'all talk'?

At Work

- Think about v17. What might this sort of integrity (a way of life that agrees with what is said) look like in the workplace? Is integrity really respected?

Dig Deeper

- In these verses Paul is ironic, sarcastic and even accusatory. He is also gentle and tender. What does this show about him and what he longs for the Corinthians?

Pray for one another! Pray too for our mission partners as they are often 'like those at the end of the procession'