

1 Corinthians 4:8-21

Passage Reflection

This page is meant for individuals, small group Bible studies, or one-on-one interactions. Since learning more about the text's meaning in our corporate gathering, I would encourage you to meditate on the passage again so that you might respond to God in praise and obedience. I've included some of my personal meditations that might benefit you. May reflection on this passage be used by God to conform you into the image of Christ.

-Pastor Andrew

What do I learn about God?

Paul used the words "my ways in Christ" in verse 17 to describe his own suffering, in order to remind them of how Christ suffered so nobly.

Is there anything for which I should repent based on this text?

1. Have I complained about my suffering as a Christian when I have been clearly taught that this is part of my discipleship? (Verses 8 – 13)
2. Is there any way that I have arrogantly criticized God's work while not personally demonstrating the work of God's spirit in my life? (Verses 18-20)

How might God use this passage to make me look more like Christ?

I am to imitate those who suffer well as followers of Christ so that I may suffer well.

How does this passage affect evangelism?

How can I edify the church based on what this passage says?

1. Be an example to others in how I deal with hardships.
2. Be humble and not arrogant when considering the spiritual leaders God has placed in my life.

Prayer