

DISCUSSION GUIDE



**"Power Struggles
in the Church"
Corinthians Are U.S.
Pastor Bryan James
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WELCOME & WORSHIP *Meet at the front of Sanctuary.*

WORD [1 Corinthians 4](#)

1. What stood out to you the most in the message? Why?
2. From last week's message "Soon and Very Soon," what was #1 of the 6 things that we will do as a Church to prepare for the second coming of Christ? Describe how God 'preparing the bride for her groom' by taking us through *Corinthians Are U.S.?*)
3. What is the stain on the Body of Christ Paul addresses in Ch. 4?
4. **Read vv. 1-2.** What are two character qualities expected of 'servants of Christ' and 'stewards of 'the mysteries of the gospel'?"
5. **Read vv. 3-5 and 6-7.** "May God judge between you and me." What wisdom can we glean from these verses and apply to our relationships and power struggles/disputes?
 - o How does walking in this wisdom guard against using the worldly approach to the polity/business of running the church (and running anything God has given us stewardship over)?
6. **Read vv. 8-10.** Who/what issue is Paul addressing in the Corinthian leadership that is dominating the church? How can we use what God gave us to serve and not dominate? What would the opposite look like (i.e., dominating instead of serving)?
7. **Read vv. 11-13.** What types of people is Paul referring to in these verses? What spiritual principal/dynamic will ultimately apply to those pioneering anything for God?
8. **Read vv. 14-15.** What law surrounding honor and respect is found in these verses?
9. **Read vv. 16-21.** Why was it courageous and loving for Paul to reassert his authority (the authority of God) in writing this? What is the warning and encouragement here?
10. What personal takeaways will you apply from this message?

WITNESS Think about the power struggles you encounter and your response to them in the flesh vs. the Spirit. Ask God for wisdom and direction in imitating the character of Christ in these difficult relationships so that you may be a witness to those who are watching.