

## **LIFE GROUP GUIDE wb 25th February 2024**

### **Key passage: 1 Corinthians 4:14-21**

**This Week's BIG IDEA:** One-anothering, influencing and being influenced. "Imitate me."

#### ***Opening the topic***

What's your relationship with your earthly father like? Do you know him as someone who administered strong discipline, or more of a gentle spirit?

#### ***Time to worship***

Since it was mentioned in the sermon, you could use this song as a way of drawing close to your heavenly Father:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7qE7jmlNZfo>

#### ***Opening God's word***

Read together 1 Corinthians 4:14-21

1. Should Paul have come directly to Corinth to sort out the issues there himself, rather than sending Timothy?
2. What does Paul mean when he says "imitate me"?
  - Note: Look at what he says earlier in the chapter (4:1, 4:9-13)
3. Read Luke 9:28-36 (transfiguration), Luke 8:51-56 (raising the girl from the dead), and Mark 14:32-42 (Gethsemane).
  - Jesus intentionally chose the 12 disciples, but it is also clear from these verses that He selected Peter, James and John from among them to be His "inner circle".
  - Why did He choose 3 from the among the 12 in this particular way?
  - Can you name the Peter, James, and John in your life? If not, what might your walk with God might look like if you could?
4. When should leaders in the church use the "rod of discipline"? (v21)

#### ***Time to pray***

- Pray that this group would be a place of one-anothering to each other.
- You could break into smaller groups of 2-3 people and ask each other for specifics of what you can pray for each other, or support one another in.
- Don't forget to pray for those who couldn't make it to the group for any reason.