

WORD PICTURES THAT BREAK FACTIONS

Discussion Group Leader Handout

Text: 1 Corinthians 4:6-7

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1 Corinthians 4:6–7 (NASB95)

6 *Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other.*

7 *For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?*

Questions

1. Word pictures are the best

- i. How do word pictures help you to understand the things of God?
- ii. How does Paul's correction to the Corinthians apply to your life?
- iii. In what ways can you see Paul's corrections applying to the Church today, both inside and outside of Anchor?

2. Two Reasons for the word pictures

- i. Have you ever been guilty of adding to the whitespaces of God's Word in your perspective or your preference?
 - i. If so, what was the outcome of that?
 - ii. If not, what dangers lurk when God's Word is not the canon of measure for your life?

- ii. Knowing that we sit under solid and consistent teaching, have you been tempted to be arrogant in your conversations with other believers?
- iii. Do you deal with the temptation to arrogance in your own life because of your depth of knowledge
 - i. If so, in what ways?
 - ii. How can that damage or fracture the church?
 - iii. How can you fight against that temptation?
 - iv. What verses/passages encourage you to fight this temptation?

3. Three Questions to consider from the word pictures

- i. How can exalting a man over God hurt the church?
- ii. How can exalting a man over God affect your life?
- iii. When it comes to boasting, the Bible is clear, but what kinds of things are you tempted to boast in from your life?
- iv. Knowing that God is the originator of all gifts and blessings, how does that encourage you as member of Anchor Bible Church?

Prayer Requests

- *Pray that the saints of Anchor Bible Church would find sufficiency in Gods Word to give them what they need, and to realize that no man is exalted above the Lord, never boasting in any worldly thing except knowing Christ.*