1. **1 Corinthians 4:1-2**

* **Exodus 18:12-27**
* Why did Moses appoint judges in **Exodus**?
* **Judges 2:16-19**
* What is the benefit of having judges govern the people according to the book of **Judges**?
* **Jeremiah 23:3-6, Luke 22:24-30**
* Name this “righteous shoot to David” who is called “The Lord of our justice” in **Jeremiah**?
* Why do you think God has chosen to appoint shepherds to shepherd his people when the “righteous shoot to David” comes who will “reign and govern wisely” as “king”?
* What is different about the leadership Jesus is establishing for the Church in **Luke**?
* What is Jesus really saying to the apostles in **Luke 22:29-30**, put this in simple terms you would use to explain this event to a new Christian?
* **John 20:21-23, Matthew 16:18-19, Matthew 18:18**
* What is Jesus doing in these passages?
* What sacrament is Paul asserting he has been given in **1st Corinthians 4:1-2**?
* What are the qualifications for receiving such a sacrament according to Paul?
* Why do you think he is mentioning this to the community, why not just go straight to teaching them what they need to know?

1. **1 Corinthians 4:3-5**

* Why do you think Paul mentions tribunals and judgments by the community do not “concern” him?
* Why doesn’t Paul “pass judgment on” himself, share your thoughts?
* What do you believe to be the purpose of Paul declaring he is “not conscience of anything against” himself, but he is also “not acquitted”?
* Paraphrase **verse 5** in your own words and share it with the group.

1. **1 Corinthians 4:6**

* What is Paul referring to when he states, “beyond what is written”?
* What is the danger of being “inflated with pride in favor” of a person?

1. **1 Corinthians 4:7-8**

* Answer Paul’s question in **verse 7**, “Who confers distinction upon you”?
* Share your thoughts about **verse 8**, which will be addressed later in the letter, what comes to mind when you read this?

1. **1 Corinthians 4:9-10**

* Earlier in **Luke** we read Jesus said “let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant,” do you see this idea present in Paul’s words here, explain how if you do?

1. **1 Corinthians 4:11-13**

* Can you see this alive in the persons who make up the teaching office of the Church today (Bishop’s and Priest), if so, share some details that would support Paul’s statements in these verses (give examples)?
* Read the **Catechism 934-945**, share one part you feel connects with today’s study.
* Pick one verse from the entire study that spoke to you today and share it with the group.