1. **1 Corinthians 4:14-15**

* Who is Paul asserting himself as a father of here?
* Explain how Paul became the Father of these Christians in Corinth?
* **Romans 4:12, Romans 4:16-17**
* Who does Paul call father here?
* **Romans 9:10**
* Who does Paul call father here?
* **1 Timothy 5:1**
* Who does Paul command Timothy to “appeal to as father” in this reading?
* **Philippians 2:22, 1 Thessalonians 2:11, 1 Peter 5:13**
* How might these people Paul and Peter talk about be a son to them (because they are not their biological sons)?
* **Philemon 1:10**
* Who is Paul asserting himself as a father of here?
* **James 2:20-22**
* Who does James call father here?
* **Acts 7:1-3**
* Who does Stephen appeal to as father first in this reading?
* Who does Stephen appeal to as father second in this reading?
* **Acts 22:1**
* Who does Paul appeal to as father here?
* **Matthew 23:1-11**
* What has Jesus commanded the apostles to “not” do?
* Why did he do so?
* Is Paul going against the teaching’s of Jesus Christ by calling himself the Father of the community, and is James and Stephen going against Jesus too, by appealing to others as Father, or even how about Peter making himself a father to Mark, please explain why they are able to call another father, or better yet, become a father to others?
* Read the **footnote** on **Matthew 23:9**
* Read <https://www.catholic.com/tract/call-no-man-father>

1. **1 Corinthians 4:16**

* What does Paul ask us to do here?
* Why do you think he chose to state this rather than be “imitators of Christ”?

1. **1 Corinthians 4:17**

* Who is Paul sending and what is his purpose?

1. **1 Corinthians 4:18-19**

* Why does Paul state “if the Lord is willing”?
* Do you say this when you explain your plans to others, please share?
* Do you believe it would be a good habit to say such things yourself to others when you make plans to do something, why or why not?

1. **1 Corinthians 4:20-21**

* Please share your thoughts about this closing and today’s study, what interested you most?