

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS WEEK OF JUN 17 2018  
1 CORINTHIANS 4:14-21 J. Richards  
FATHERHOOD: A PICTURE OF SHEPHERDING

*Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting. Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!*

**I. Getting to Know You**

How did you experience God working in your life this week? How can we pray for you?

**II. Digging Deeper**

1. Compare 1 Corinthians 4:14-15 with 2 Corinthians 11:1-3. How is love manifested in each? Is there a common challenge in both passages?

2. Discuss the idea that genuine love, and an exemplary lifestyle are prerequisites for effective shepherding.

3. Is it arrogant to hold yourself up as an example for other believers to follow? Why or why not (see also 1 Corinthians 1:1)?

4. Do you think there are important differences between a father (figure) and a (mere) teacher – 1 Corinthians 4:15?

**III. Making it Personal**

5. Are you cultivating any relationships that would give you the right to provide powerful leadership? What steps can you take to begin or further this process?

6. Would you in be comfortable inviting someone to follow your Christian example? Why or why not?

**IV. Prayer**