

Marinating in God's Word: 1 Corinthians 4:14-21

You've got mail! A letter sent long ago to someone else, now by the power of the Spirit has been forwarded to you, so that you may grow in Jesus Christ.

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

- Who has been a mentor for you in some area of life – career, relationships, gender roles, a skill? How did that work? And for whom have you been a mentor?
- True or false: Christians are hypocrites. Explain!
- The Corinthian Christians were only about three or four years old in the faith. They had no New Testament, much less book about discipleship. Flip through 1 Corinthians and check what topics Paul covered with them. Which of these subjects seem most important to you for laying foundation for Christian life in 2018?
- Paul told these new Christians “imitate me” (v. 16). Why? Was Paul a good one to imitate? What about his weaknesses? Do the inconsistencies between us and our Savior disqualify us from mentoring others? Why or why not?
- What do you believe Paul has in view when he mentions the power of the Kingdom of God (v. 20)?

Next week we will focus on 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.