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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions
Gratitude, an essential guardian to the soul
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Read: 1 Corinthians 4.1-15

1. Look at 1 Corinthians 4.15. What is gratitude according to the sermon today? What brings about or causes gratitude? How are the two words (grace and gratitude) linked?
2. Paul speaks about the ministry that God has given him to declare the grace of God in 1 Corinthians 4. What do we see about the grace of God when Paul says we received mercy and we have this ministry in verse 1? What is this ministry that Paul is speaking of specifically according to 2 Corinthians 3.5-6 (Jeremiah 31.33-34; Luke 22.20)?
3. When Paul says, *we do not lose heart*, why can he say that? Look at 2 Corinthians 3.11 to find the answer.
4. As Paul holds out the grace of God to others how does he do it (4.2)? What must happen for people to respond to the grace of God (4.3-6)? As a result, who should we preach? Paul is a slave to Christ who is his master, but who is Paul also a slave to (in what sense)?
5. As Paul holds out the grace of God it is not easy. What does Paul mention that displays the power of God in his life and who is being seen as death works in him (4.7-12)? Who benefits from Paul's suffering for the gospel?
6. In 4.13-14, we see that Paul has a strong, firm faith and inner conviction. As a result of that what does Paul do (4.13-14; 1 Corinthians 9.16)?
7. Read 2 Corinthians 8.9 – what does grace look like?
8. What is the aim of gratitude?

Pray.