

S.O.A.P. Bible Study
“Insecure...Loved”

S=Scripture: 1 Corinthians 4:14-23

O=Observation: After reading the text carefully, answer the following questions: What words or phrases does Paul use which indicate his affection for the Corinthians? To what does Paul compare himself so that they understand his relationship of authority over them? Why is this important? How does he “become” their father? In what ways does Paul want them to imitate him? Look up 1 Corinthians 11:1. What new do you learn about the call to imitate? How would you describe the quality of relationship that Paul expects out of the Corinthians? How does the gospel (you are so much worse than you could imagine....and you are so much more loved than you could ever hope for) guide these relationships?

A=Application: What is it about the teaching here that helps you draw conclusions about the level of intimacy and accountability that is expected in the life of the Christian? Who are your “fathers” or “mothers” who can talk to you the way that Paul talks to his people?

P=Prayer: Write out a prayer based on your meditation on this passage: