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**Sermon Notes**

**FAITHFUL MEN**  
**1 Corinthians 4:1-5**  
June 19, 2022

1. We have a \_\_\_\_\_ to fill (v. 1-2)

2. We have a \_\_\_\_\_ to follow (v. 3-5a)

3. We have a \_\_\_\_\_ to gain (v. 5b)

**GOD IS FAITHFUL**



## QUESTIONS

**ICEBREAKER:** How do you feel about clowns? Why?

1. When you hear the phrase "servants of Christ" [1 Corinthians 4:1], what images come to mind? Is it something desirable, or not [cf. John 18:36; Acts 13:5; and Acts 26:16]?
2. What is a "steward", and what is his/her role [1 Corinthians 4:1-2]? Is this an honourable or dishonourable position? Why [cf. Luke 12:42; Titus 1:7-8; and 1 Peter 4:10]?
3. What are "the mysteries of God" as revealed in the Scriptures [1 Corinthians 4:1]? Also consult Mark 4:11; Ephesians 3:2-10; and Colossians 1:24-27 for more insights.
4. Why is the virtue of faithfulness admirable [1 Corinthians 4:2]? What impact does unfaithfulness have on others [cf. Matthew 25:21; Luke 16:10-12; and 2 Timothy 2:2]?
5. What are some ways to handle personal criticism from others that you learn from 1 Corinthians 4:3-4? How does the prospect of the Lord's evaluation of you both encourage and sober you [cf. Acts 23:1; Acts 24:16; and 2 Corinthians 1:12]?
6. According to 1 Corinthians 4:5, what lies in the future for everyone? Due to this reality, how does it influence the way you live each day [cf. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Romans 2:12-16; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; and 2 Corinthians 5:6-10]?
7. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday's message?

*"Let us remember, there is One who daily records all we do for Him,  
and sees more beauty in His servants' work than His servants do themselves...  
And then shall His faithful witnesses discover, to their wonder and surprise,  
that there never was a word spoken on their Master's behalf,  
which does not receive a reward."*

**J. C. Ryle**