



God Builds - So Build Carefully

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Discussion

1. Think about a skill, hobby, or responsibility that you have grown in over time. What was different when you were a beginner compared to now?
2. What resonated with you from Sunday's worship?

Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-9.

3. Paul describes the Corinthians as spiritual infants because of their jealousy and quarreling. What does this reveal about the difference between spiritual maturity and spiritual immaturity?
4. Paul says, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." What does this teach us about the relationship between our efforts and God's work?

Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15.

5. Paul shifts from the image of a field to a building. Why is it important that Jesus Christ is the only foundation of the church and the Christian life?
6. Paul describes building with gold, silver, and costly stones versus wood, hay, and straw. What do you think these images represent? What are some examples of things that last and things that do not last in our faith and ministry?
7. Where do you see God calling you to greater spiritual maturity? What is one step you can take this week to grow deeper in your faith?
8. If your life and ministry were tested by fire today, what parts would endure? What might God be inviting you to rebuild on a stronger foundation?

3:7-11

So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Next Steps

- **Love Jesus:** Read ahead for next Sunday - 1 Corinthians 4:14-21.
- **Connect with Others:** Thank someone who has helped plant, water, or nurture your faith.
- **Serve the World:** Look for an opportunity to encourage someone who is just beginning their journey with Christ.
- **Reach the Lost:** Share with someone how God has been at work growing your faith, even through the efforts of others.

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