

Scripture this week:

1 Corinthians 3:10-17

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. ¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Build Well or Else...

1 Corinthians 3:10-17

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Paul is encouraging us to be appraising our efforts to help others grow in Jesus. He wants us to understand how important our efforts to encourage others spiritual growth is to God. And therefore, ought to be to us.

- **The foundation is rock solid. Jesus.**
- **What we build upon the foundation of Jesus is critical.**
- **At Jesus' 2nd Coming our work will be revealed for what it is.**
- **We are empowered by God's Spirit.**
- **We as the Church are to display God's character.**
- **We are God's Church.**

Notes:

Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on 1 Corinthians 3:10-17

Getting Started

1. Have you ever taken great care in building something? What was it? How long did it take to build?
2. Consider the people you interact with on a regular basis. How many of them would you say actually build you up instead of tear you down?
3. What do you think are the types of actions that build others up in their faith?

Digging into the Text

4. Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-17 and respond:
 - What is Paul intending to communicate with the imagery of him (and other ministry leaders) working like master builders on an important structure? According to vv. 10-12, what do the foundation and building materials correspond to? Why is using high-quality materials vital?
 - In v. 13, what is the significance of "fire"? What does it represent?
 - Explain what is meant by the phrases "receive a reward" in v. 14 and "suffer loss" in v. 15.
 - If God's people are God's temple, what are the consequences for destroying it? What are the temple's (the people's) purposes?
 - Summarize what the author is saying overall in this passage?

Applying It to My Life

5. Honestly assess your attitude and actions the last few weeks. Have you been purposefully building up others in their faith? How so?
6. What is a way you can intentionally build into the life of someone close to you in an eternally significant way?
7. How can the group be praying for you as we all seek to live in a way that impacts more people more significantly for Jesus Christ?