

Life Group Notes

“A love affair with problems” —series on 1 Corinthians

Read 1 Corinthians 3.

1. How would you define or describe the “perfect” pastor?
2. Read v1-5. How did Paul refer to the Corinthians? Why were these descriptions appropriate? What does a mature believer look like? (Is it someone who knows his/her Bible well, regularly attends church, speaks in tongues, uses spiritual gifts, or is it more than this?)
3. Read v5-9. What lessons do these verses teach us? (Steve mentioned three!)
4. Read v9-15. What foundation did Paul lay down in Corinth and other churches? Why is this so important? What alternative foundations would it be possible (...though unwise, even tragic) to lay down?
5. What are the differences between the two groups of materials that Paul lists? What might these materials represent? In which ways can we sometimes do the right thing but with the wrong motives?
6. When Paul refers to “Day” what is he referring to? Does this bring you joy or fear or some other emotion? Why is it so important to get the balance right with the Bible’s teaching on judgment?
7. What important truths are found in v15? Why will the builder be saved? What does he lose? What contemporary illustration might you use to explain this awesome truth? See also 2 Cor. 5:10.
8. Read v16-22. Where does God reside? Has he changed his address throughout time?
9. Are you building your life on the foundation of Christ? Take time to consider the materials you are building with on this foundation?