

Small Group Discussion Guide
Week of 5/22/16

Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-11 together.

1. What types of issues did the Apostle Paul address in the book of 1st Corinthians (Read 1 Corinthians 1:11-13, 3:3-4; 5:1; 6:7-8; 6:15-16; 7:1-3; 8:1-3; 9:1-2, 10:14; 11:20-21; 12:1; 15:12-13)? In the light of all of this, how would you have assessed the Corinthian church if you had been among them in the first century? How did Paul identify them (See 1 Corinthians 1:2)?
2. In the mind of Paul, what was the single identity of the Corinthians (Read 1 Corinthians 6:6-11)? What was most important in the mind of the Apostle: what the Corinthians were doing or what Christ had done? Explain. What implications does this hold for you? Your family? Your church? What impact should this have on the way we view others?
3. What was God's main motivation in rescuing his people in both the Old and New Testaments (Read Psalm 106:7-8, Isaiah 48:9-11, John 12:27-28, John 17:1-5, 10, 22-24)? How does this shape our view concerning what is of highest importance as followers of Christ?
4. What bearing does God's glory have on divisions in the church like the ones Paul confronted at Corinth (See 1 Corinthians 1:10-17, 3:1-9)?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 3:11-17. Paul describes Christ as the "foundation". What does he mean by this? What does his reference to "building" on that foundation mean? What are the essential differences in the "building materials" he describes in 1 Corinthians 3:12? What implication does this passage have for the future of City View (or any church)?

Pray together...

That we would make God's glory the primary thing as we grow in Christ; that the benefits we derive from following Jesus would be because of God's glory and not apart from it.

That we would be unsatisfied with any other foundation apart from Christ, and that we would build well upon that foundation.

For the needs in the group.