

Building the Church
Core Group Discussion Guide
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Message Overview:

This week we open up I Corinthians 3 to see what we can learn about that beautiful mess of a church. The chapter aims to address the division that the church is facing. Paul reminds the church that they don't belong to any specific leader, but instead they are people of God. He then goes on to tell them how the church has been built. The foundation of the Church is Jesus, and each one should consider how they will build on that foundation. Finally, Paul stresses to the Church that it is in them that God's Spirit resides.

For our discussion we want to see how we can learn from this church. Much of the sermons focus will be on our call to participate in the building of God's Church. Even though the church often face messy dysfunction God continually uses the Church to build and advance His Kingdom.

Text:

- I Corinthians 3

Questions for Discussion:

1. Was there any one thing that stood out to you from this morning's message?
2. Was there something in the message that stood out as the application piece for you or MCA?
3. How does the church today divide itself in ways that are destructive to the Kingdom of God?
4. What are some ways in which you or MCA participates in building God's Church?
5. If you agree that the work of kingdom building is the work of all Christians, talk about some of the difficulties or challenges in engaging in it.
6. Was there anything else the Spirit challenged you with this morning?