

Journey – Field and Building

Sunday, September 13, 2015

1 Corinthians 3:6-16

Co-Workers

With God

- God the Lead Partner
- He Causes Growth; He's the Foundation

Partner

- But we are Real Partners

Each Other

- Not just partners with God
- Not just about Our Journey

God's Field

Activities

- Planting
- Watering
- Making Grow

Co-Workers

- **God** – Causes Growth
- **Individual** – We are Responsible Partners
- **Community** – But the Activities for Others

God's Building

Construction Phases

- Foundation – Jesus
- Wise Builder – Paul
- Building on the Foundation – Everyone

What are you Building?

- A Great Start
- Our part will be assessed

Small Group Guide

Kicking off your Time Together

Ice Breaker

Go around the circle, introduce yourselves, and share something you did over the summer.

Opening Prayer

Have one or two open in prayer asking God to be present and to direct your time.

What Did you Bring?

Did you bring anything to share to encourage the group? (consider 1 Cor 14:26 as the pattern for this part of the meeting)

Read 1 Corinthians 3:6-16

Have several people each read a paragraph from this passage.

Discuss a few of these questions:

Imagine yourself 5 or 10 years down the road. What kind of person would you like to be?

God is described as the one who makes things grow, and Jesus is described as the foundation. What is the point of these descriptions?

Paul speaks of people as God's co-workers, and uses the images of planting, watering and building to describe their "work". What actions would tend to produce the kind of people you discussed in the first question?

We do all need to take responsible action in our own spiritual journeys. How can we also help each other?

Pray for Each Other

In light of all that has been shared, pray for each other. You may want to share specific requests.