

## ***God's Servants Working Together***

**Pastor's message: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

**Message Notes:**

### **Wednesday**

**Read: 1 Corinthians 3:6-7** *Who's in charge*

**Questions for Reflection and Application**

1. *What are some examples of planting or watering the seeds of God's love in your life today?*
2. *How do you feel about giving God control over your life and growth?*

**Prayer Focus** God of grace, we know we have a choice to respond to life events with maturity or immaturity. Nourish and teach us. Grow us up to be closer to you.

### **Thursday**

**Read: 1 Corinthians 3:8** *God values the servant*

**Questions for Reflection and Application**

1. *What is the purpose of the planter and the waterer? Do you see yourself as one or the other?*
2. *What does maturity in the faith look like, in life and in the church?*

**Prayer Focus** Thank you for calling us to be your servants. You never give up on us when we create division or disunity. We need you, even when we forget who we are and who you are. Your great love, God, is reward enough.

### **Friday**

**Read: 1 Corinthians 3:9** *Who we are to God*

**Questions for Reflection and Application**

1. *What do you see that needs tending or building in your community today?*
2. *How can we as a church become better planters, waterers, servants to others?*

**Prayer Focus** Redeemer, your love is astonishing and we need to respond to that gift with our lives. Show us how to work together to honor your vision for your world.



## Small Group Format

### Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *What was your favorite food as a child? Is it still a favorite?*

### Opening Prayer

### Song (optional)

### Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

- Discuss observations about the text
  - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
  - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

*Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)*

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

### Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

### Pray for each other

### Refreshments (optional)

## **GOD'S SERVANTS WORKING TOGETHER**

**September 17, 2023**

### Monday

**Read: 1 Corinthians 3:1-3** *Paul's view of the Corinthians*  
Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Do you think the Corinthians were insulted at Paul's assessment of them?*
2. *What would you consider "milk" or "solid food" in terms of spiritual learning?*

**Prayer Focus** Giver of all, we hear you singing, "People Get Ready!" Forgive us when we refuse to put away childish things, to be accountable for our growth as your people. Help us grow into mature followers by moving beyond who we are today.

### Tuesday

**Read: 1 Corinthians 3:4-5** *Can you belong to a servant?*  
Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What can be the consequences when people focus their faith on a single person?*
2. *Who are the people who have taught you to believe and live as a believer? Give thanks for them now.*

**Prayer Focus** Thank you, God, for the ones who set for us an example of how to live as your servants. Remind us that we belong to you, and not the other way around.