

## **SERMON BASED STUDY GUIDE**

*To maximize the benefit of this study, it's best to complete in advance.*

### **[set up]**

What was one aspect of the service this last weekend that really connected with you (maybe it was new to you, a refreshing reminder for you, or convicting to you)?

Have someone open in prayer for your group (for your hopes and goals for the time).

### **[digging deeper]**

Review the teaching passage from Sunday – **1 Corinthian 3:1-15**.

What really stands out related to spiritual immaturity?

What was Paul communicating to the Corinthian believers when he referred to them as:

- Infants?
- Fleshly?
- Merely Human?

What did Paul give as evidence for their spiritual immaturity and fleshly thinking? How do we still see the same immaturity and fleshliness in churches today?

What was the point of what Paul said about himself and Apollos?

What other foundations do we see churches trying to build on?

Re-read verses 12-15. What do they mean?

What could be some examples of the gold, silver, and precious stones and wood, hay, and straw?

What is concerning about these verses? What is motivating?



As you review the verses in this passage, what can be learned about God and His character and nature?

### **[living it out]**

Entering a time of greater reflecting and vulnerability, please take some time to write down answers to these questions and then share your answers with your LifeGroup. It would be best to get into groups of 2-3 for this time.

- What deep truths about God have I learned lately?
- Where am I still immature in my faith?
- Do I help tempt our leaders by just flattering them?
- Do I think of myself, my opinion, and my serving too highly?
- Will all I've dedicated my life to while on earth last through the fire of Christ, or will it just be burned up? (What examples come to mind?)
- Are we as a church family building on Christ with confidence that our efforts are lasting and valuable? (What examples come to mind?)

### **[close in prayer]**

Close in prayer for each other based on the passage we read and the answers you gave to the questions above. You can use words, thoughts, and concepts from 1 Corinthians 3:1-15 as a prayer guide as well as your insights, convictions, and desired applications. Keep in mind how to (1) Praise God, (2) Thank God, (3) Confess to God, and (4) Make requests of God for both yourself, your group, and our church as you pray.

