

Root Work – Week 3

1 Corinthians 3:1–23 “Living Called to Grow”

Supporting Scriptures:

Hebrews 5:12–14

John 16:12

Luke 6:45

Proverbs 4:23

James 3:16

John 15:5

Romans 12:4–5

Philippians 1:6

Matthew 7:24–25

Colossians 3:23

Romans 8:11

Romans 12:1

Key Takeaways:

Spiritual maturity is not the same thing as spiritual exposure.

Growth requires surrender, correction, and a willingness to let God change the way we think.

What is happening inwardly will eventually show up outwardly.

Comparison, jealousy, division, and offense reveal deeper heart issues that God wants to address.

The Kingdom of God is built through cooperation, not competition.

God is responsible for the growth; our responsibility is faithfulness.

We are God’s field and God’s building. He is actively working in our lives even when we cannot see it.

Every one of us is building something with our lives.

Not everything that looks impressive has eternal value.

God cares not only about what we do, but why we do it.

The Holy Spirit dwells within believers, making our lives sacred and set apart.

Our identity is not found in people, approval, success, or comparison. We belong to Christ.

Key Phrases:

Spiritual maturity is not the same thing as spiritual exposure.

There is a difference between being fed and refusing to grow.

Eventually what is happening inwardly shows up outwardly.

Their division was not the root problem... it was the fruit.

The story was never about the workers. The story has always been about the Owner.

The question is not if you are building. The question is what you are building.

God is not asking you to build an impressive life. He is asking you to build a faithful one.

You are God's field. You are God's building.

You belong to Christ.

He is not finished with you yet.

Discussion Questions:

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & MATURITY

1. Where do you see evidence of growth in your relationship with Jesus over the last year?
2. Is there an area where you feel spiritually stuck?
3. What is one thing God may be asking you to grow beyond in this season?

INWARD VS OUTWARD

1. What attitudes, thoughts, or emotions have been growing beneath the surface recently?
2. Are there any unhealthy patterns that God may be revealing in your heart?
3. How have those inward struggles shown up in your words, reactions, or relationships?

COMPARISON & DIVISION

1. Have you found yourself comparing your life, gifts, calling, or spiritual growth to someone else?
2. How does comparison affect your relationship with God and others?
3. What would it look like to celebrate what God is doing in someone else's life without comparing it to your own?

FAITHFULNESS OVER RESULTS

1. Have you ever felt responsible for changing someone else?
2. How does it encourage you to know that God gives the increase?
3. Where is God asking you to simply be faithful and trust Him with the outcome?

WHAT ARE YOU BUILDING?

1. What are you currently investing most of your time, energy, and attention into?
2. Are those investments producing eternal fruit?
3. If your life were tested by fire today, what do you hope would remain?

IDENTITY & BELONGING:

1. Have you been looking to people, accomplishments, or approval for your sense of worth?
2. What does it mean to you personally that you belong to Christ?
3. How would your daily life change if you truly lived from that identity?

Personal Reflection:

Take time this week to ask the Lord:

“Lord, show me where You are growing me.”

Write down:

- One area where God is asking you to mature...
- One thing you need to stop building...
- One eternal investment you want to begin making...
- One truth about your identity in Christ that you want to remember this week...