

GOD'S WORK, GOD'S WAY

1 Corinthians 3:5-9

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SERMON APPLICATION REVIEW

What concerns or doubts did you bring before Jesus (28:17)?

In what ways did you submit to Jesus' authority (28:18)?

How did you experience Jesus' presence in your disciple-making (28:20b)?

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 3:5-9; 1 Corinthians 4:7; 2 Corinthians 3:5-6; 1 Corinthians 15:10;

Philippians 2:12-13; Psalm 127:1-2; Ephesians 4:11-16

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How do you function as God's "servant" (3:5b)? What role do you play in the spiritual growth of others? How are you presently serving in that capacity? When have you been discontent or jealous of another's role? Why should you be joyful about your part in God's kingdom?
2. How does the truth that only God gives growth (3:6-7) free you from the burden of producing results? How do you respond when you don't see immediate results from your efforts (e.g., ministry, relationships, personal growth)? How can you cultivate a deeper trust in God's timing and role in the spiritual growth of others?
3. What area of your life needs to be entrusted to God for growth? Where have you been trying to control or force growth (e.g., personal habits, relationships, ministry efforts)? How can you offer these areas to God, trusting that He will bring the fruit in His time?
4. What does it look like for you to "work together for God" (3:9) in your everyday life? How can you more intentionally align your daily activities and interactions with God's work of growth (in the home, work, school, or church)?
5. Do you see the human harvest of souls as "white"? If so, how does this encourage you? Will you change your attitude and perspective this week to be more optimistic and Holy Spirit dependent? If so, how will this be evident in your thoughts, words, and mood?

RECOMMENDED READING

Jerry Bridges, *The Blessing of Humility* (NavPress, 2016)

Kenneth Boa, *Conformed to His Image* (Zondervan, 2001)

R. Larry Moyer, *31 Days with the Master Fisherman* (Kregel, 1997)