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#8 of 33— Nov. 12, 2017**

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- 6) In 1 Cor. 3:10-11, Paul declares the need to build our ministry on nothing other than the foundation of Jesus Christ. What other foundation(s) do *you* find yourself building your ministry on in your life? (e.g. fear, recognition, pleasure, etc?)
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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

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With Aaron Richert
November 12, 2017



What kind of church do we want to be?

1 Corinthians 3:4-11

When one of you says, “I am a follower of Paul,” and another says, “I follow Apollos,” aren’t you acting just like people of the world?

⁵After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God’s servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us.

⁶I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. ⁷It’s not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What’s important is that God makes the seed grow. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. ⁹For we are both God’s workers. And you are God’s field. You are God’s building.

¹⁰Because of God’s grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ.

Big Idea: Only God can GROW HIS CHURCH, but we all have a PART TO PLAY.

Healthy, fruitful churches understand...

● **We’re ALL needed.**

“Each of us did the work God gave us.” (v. 5)

● **We’re in this TOGETHER.**

“The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose” (v. 8)

● **We WORK AT IT, but God GROWS IT.**

“It was God who made it grow.” (v. 6)

● **Our FOUNDATION is JESUS.**

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ.” (v.11)

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today’s 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation (NLT).

