



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF JULY 21, 2024 | A LIFE THAT LASTS

WARM-UP QUESTION

Think of a time when you worked on a project with others. What was challenging about working together, and what made the collaboration successful?

DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-3

- What are examples of "milk" and "solid food" in spiritual terms? What does Paul mean when he says he had to speak as if they were of this world? Can you give an example of how you'd explain the gospel to someone who needed spiritual milk as opposed to someone who needs spiritual solid food?
- Reflect on your growth when you first started following Jesus. What did you need in order to grow? What do you currently need to continue growing as a disciple?
- Do you have someone who is "feeding" or discipling you in your faith? Is there someone you are "feeding" or discipling? Is there someone you think God is nudging you to disciple?
- Paul focuses on jealousy and quarreling as signs of being controlled by sinful nature. Why do you think these are significant? Where do you see this in the world today? Where do you see this in your own life, and what steps can you take to grow spiritually in this area?

Read 1 Corinthians 3:4-11

- What is the danger in saying, "I follow Paul" or "I follow Apollos"? How does this look in today's context?
- How does God invite us to partner with Him in His mission? What does this look like to accept that invitation to partner with God in fulfilling His mission?
- Are you currently planting seeds in or watering someone's life? Are there people in your life who God is leading you to plant or water? Discuss the discouragement that can come from not seeing immediate fruit, and how growth can often be unseen.
- Do you believe the foundation you're building on is Jesus Christ? What other foundations might people use, and what dangers come with those?
- Read verse 10 again. What does God's grace look like in this verse? What is the danger in discipling without acknowledging God's invitation to partner with Him? Does God need us to fulfill His mission? What does this say about God's character?



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Read 1 Corinthians 3:12-17

- How can we ensure we're using the right materials in our spiritual building? What's the danger in using the wrong ones?
- This passage might be interpreted to suggest a works-based faith. How can we understand that our faith should lead to action without being works-based?
- Read verses 16 and 17 again. What does it communicate about God that you are His temple? Where else in Scripture does God reside in a temple? God once resided in a physical temple, but now He resides in us. How does that change the way we live?
- How are we taking care of ourselves as God's temple? Are we destroying our temple in any way? God's temple is holy. How should this influence the way you care for yourself?

RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Ask God to reveal to you someone He may be calling you to disciple.
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.