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## The Gravity of Caring For God's Community

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*Small Group Discussion Questions*

### Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

### Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

### Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

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### Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

**Read: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23**

1. What does it mean to be "God's temple"? (v16-17)
2. What is Paul's warning about the "wisdom of the world"? (18-23)

### Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

***Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.***

3. Throughout all of God's creation and time, it is easy to see the importance of "presence." God was "present" in the Garden, the tent of meeting, the tabernacle, the temple, the coming of Jesus, and now in followers by His indwelling Holy Spirit.
  - Why is this important to recognize?
  - How might this influence our daily interactions? Our discipleship? Our evangelism?
4. Paul warns the Corinthian believers about the dangers of using worldly wisdom to understand and evaluate spiritual things (like church leadership). What are some modern dangers of using worldly wisdom to understand spiritual things?
5. Paul says that both life and death are ours. While nonbelievers are victims of life, swept along by its current and wondering if there is meaning to it, believers can use life well because they understand its true purpose. Nonbelievers can only fear death. For believers, death holds no terrors because death is a continuation of our eternal life with God. Knowing Christ gives us clarity and confidence in understanding both life and death. What other "complex" things can we have clarity and confidence about because we know Christ?

### Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

6. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**\*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\***

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**We're here!**

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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