

Orchard Small Groups

Week of September 28

Speaker: Dr. David Miller

Message Title: *Built to Last*

Icebreaker: What are your favorite fall activities?

Scripture Reading:

- 1 Corinthians 3:5–17

Discussion Questions

1. Foundation in Christ

- In this passage, Paul tells the believers in Corinth to build a strong faith foundation.
- **Question:** Who should their faith be built on?

2. Planting & Watering

- Paul says he planted, Apollos watered, but God gives the growth.
- **Questions: Who has planted seeds of faith in your life?**
 - Who has watered those seeds?
 - Who are you hoping to plant or water seeds of faith in?

3. Distractions & Focus

- In today's world, many things can distract us from focusing on Jesus.
- **Question:** What are some distractions, and how can we keep Jesus first in our lives?

4. Truth for Every Season

- Pastor David shared: *"There is forgiveness for the past, strength for the present, and hope for the future."*
- **Question:** Which of these do you most need right now?

5. Building a Strong Foundation

- David shared practical ways to build a faith foundation.

- **Question:** Which of his suggestions stood out to you most?

6. Following Jesus' Example

- Read Mark 1:35–37.
- **Questions: What do these verses tell us about Jesus' regular practices?**
 - How can we apply them in our own lives?

7. Eternal Perspective

- Paul urges believers to build with materials that will last. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16–18.
- **Questions: As Christians, what should our focus be on?**
 - How can we live this out daily?

8. Commitment & Cost

- Building wisely takes commitment and personal cost.
- **Question:** How has your commitment to Christ made a difference in your life?

9. Community & Growth

- As The Orchard grows, we may need to put aside personal preferences so others can be involved.
- **Questions: Where do you see growth impacting our church?**
 - How can you help create space for new people?

10. Consistency in Faith

- Pastor David challenged us to think of the Christian life as a “*long obedience in the same direction.*”
- **Question:** What rhythms or habits help you stay consistent in your faith journey?

Closing

Prayer:

- Spend time praying for one another as you build your lives on Christ and live out your faith this week.