

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

1 Corinthians

#5 Come as you are, but don't stay that way 3:1-23

What one thought encouraged you the most from this message? Why?

TRUTH TO DISCOVER - Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-23

- *Why did Paul think the Corinthian believers were “infants in Christ?” (vs. 1-4)
- *How did Paul see himself & Apollos compared to God? (vs. 5-9)
- *In what sense is Jesus Christ THE only FOUNDATION? (vs. 10-11)
- *What will happen to every believer on “THE DAY”? Why? (vs. 12-15)
- *In what sense are believers God’s temple on earth (see 6:15-20)? (vs. 16-17)
- *Why should we not boast in men (personality cult)? (vs. 17-23)

TRUTHS TO DISCUSS

1. **Diagnosis: Though they were saved, they weren't living like it (3:1-4)**
 - *What are the differences between a “spiritual” & an “of the flesh” person?
 - *Why are believers so prone to worship Christian leaders? Give examples.
 - *Why do you & other Christians so easily struggle with jealousy & strife?
2. **Prescription: Get healthy by living for Jesus' glory, not your own (3:5-17)**
 - *What does Paul mean that people plant & water, but God causes the growth?
 - *Why is it so important to have Paul's purpose in life...living as Jesus' witness?
 - *Who in your life are you praying for that he/she will come to faith in Jesus?
 - *What do you think makes something you say/do something that will endure Jesus' evaluation (fire) when you stand before Him as His son/daughter?
 - *What are some of the purposes of Jesus' judgment of believers' lives? Hint...it has nothing to do with whether or not you will go to heaven or hell.
 - *How are you experiencing the Holy Spirit's presence & purpose in your life?
3. **Application: Boast only in Jesus Christ, not in Christian leaders (3:16-23)**
 - *What's the difference between being wise in this age & wise in God's eyes?
 - *How can you help other believers not worship their favorite Christian leader?
 - *Read: Colossians 1:15-23; Hebrews 1:1-4; Revelation 1:12-20: List five reasons why Jesus Christ alone is worthy to be worshipped.

Which of these truths do you need to apply today? Why?