**YOU ARE GOD’S FIELD, GOD’S BUILDING**

1 Corinthians 3:1-23

Key Verse 3:9

*“For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.”*

1. Read verses 1-4. What problem in the brothers did Paul expose? In what respect were they worldly (infants in Christ)? Why did they still remain in their spiritual infancy?
2. Read verses 5-9. How did God uniquely use Paul and Apollos in the Corinthian ministry and how was their purpose the same? How did Paul help the Corinthians see God working for his church? How then should they view God’s servants and themselves (9)? Why is it important to have this point of view?
3. Read verses 10-11. What new analogy is Paul using? Why is the foundation of a building so important? What is the church’s one foundation (11; Eph 2:20-22)?
4. Read verses 12-15. How does Paul compare Christian works to building materials (12)? Which ones survive a fire and which ones don’t (13-15)? Why did he give such a warning?
5. Read verses 16-17. How did Paul help the Corinthians see themselves? What will happen to those who destroy God’s temple?
6. Read verses 18-23. What false confidence did they have in worldly wisdom (18)? How does God view such wisdom (19-20)? Why was arrogance the root of the divisiveness in Corinth? What is the solution to divisions in the church (21-23)?