We Are Co-workers

1 Corinthians 3:1-23

Key Verse: 3:9

1. Read v. 1-7. What problem in the brothers did Paul expose? (1-3) In what respects were they worldly (infants in Christ)? How did God use Paul and Apollos in the Corinthian ministry? (4-6) How did Paul help them to see God? (7) (cf. Jn5:17; Php2:13)

2. Read v. 5-9. How were the tasks of Paul and Apollos different? How was their purpose the same? (6-8) How then should they view God's servants and themselves? What does it mean that we are co-workers in 1) God’s service, 2) God’s field, 3) God’s building?

3. Read v. 10-15. What new analogy is Paul using in verses 10,11? What is the church's one foundation? (11; 15:3,4; Eph2:20-22) How does Paul compare Christian works to building materials? (12) Which ones survive a fire and which ones don't? (13-15)

4. Read v. 16-23. How did Paul help the Corinthians see themselves? (16,17) What happens to those who destroy God's temple? How does God view the worldly wisdom? (19,20) In light of the above study, what is the solution to divisions in the church? (21b-23)