

TAKEAWAY

Real Life Church

THE CHURCH IS GOD'S

Sunday 10th March 2019

INTRODUCTION

On Sunday, we looked at 1 Corinthians 3:1-23. In this passage, Paul takes the Corinthians to task for being spiritually immature. He challenges their thinking by using three pictures to describe the true nature of the church. When Matt spoke at 1030 and the Six, he suggested that:

- There's no moving on from Jesus, only moving on in Him.
- God loves the church but He uses us as 'planters' and 'waterers'.
- God evaluates what we invest in His work and generously rewards us.
- We, the church, are His Temple – where God most fully dwells in the world.
- We are wise to put aside the ways of the world and rely on God's wisdom.

READ

1 Corinthians 3:1-23

DISCUSS

1. We can't 'move on' from the centre of Christianity, Jesus, we only mature 'in' Him. What does that look like in practise?
2. As a church, where are we in danger of following the pattern of this world in our attitudes to leadership – either in giving leaders too much prominence (like the Corinthians) or in rejecting their authority as our culture often rejects authority?

3. How do you understand your 'status' as a Christian? How do you view others? How can we prevent the development of hierarchies within the church family?
4. Where are you planting/watering for God right now? Do you feel like you are investing in the right things? If not, what do you think you could do differently in this season of life?
5. What is the significance of calling the church God's temple? How can this shape how we feel

about the church?
How does it affect how we relate to it?

6. Why do you think Paul paints a picture where Christians are corporately rather than individually a temple? What are the implications of this for how we do life as Christians?

7. What is wisdom? How is true wisdom found?

8. What would it look like for MCC to embrace the ideas in this passage further?

PRAY

