

GOD'S PEOPLE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Summary of 1 Corinthians

How were the believers in Corinth working out their new identity in everyday life, and how can we do the same?

◆ Where We've Been

◆ Where We Are Now

◆ Where We Are Going

What have we learned in this teaching series, and what difference will it make? (James 1:22)

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. The Bible often uses buildings and construction as a metaphor for our Christian life (e.g. 1 Cor 3:16; Eph 2:20; 1 Pet 2:5). How would you characterize the progress of God's work in your life?
2. The Corinthian believers carried over habits, attitudes, and values from their old life into the new (e.g. showing favoritism based on eloquence). Do we do the same? How? What impact does that have on interpersonal relationships and the health of the church?
3. Read 1 Cor 1:18-31. What characteristics are used to describe the nature of God's Kingdom, the Gospel, and the Christian life, and how are those contrasted with the ideals of the world?
4. Paul freely gave up his "right" to compensation as an Apostle in order to remove an obstacle to the Gospel (1 Cor 9:12) Are you being called give up your rights? Why or why not?
5. We considered a series of passages from 1 Corinthians that traced our trajectory from the past, to the present, to the future. Read the following in the order presented then record your thoughts below: 6:9-11a; 15:1-4; 6:11; 1:30; 2:12-13; 12:7; 13:13; 13:12; 15:58; 1:4-9; 9:24-25; 2:9

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