

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Build the House

Passage: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Introduction: Redeemer's mission is to declare Jesus and develop Jesus followers, based on the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20. John talked this week about the developing Jesus followers aspect. 1 Corinthians 3 uses the metaphor of a building to describe the local church. John focused on how every member of Redeemer needs to participate in building up Redeemer by helping someone else develop spiritually.

Key question: Who are you helping grow spiritually?

Additional passages: Ephesians 4:12-16, Colossians 1:27-29, 1 Peter 4:8-11, 1 John 4:7-11.

Questions:

1. Paul focuses on the building metaphor for the local church in this passage. 1 Corinthians 3:11 identifies Jesus as the foundation of the church. What roles does the foundation of a building have? What aspects of who Jesus is and what He does serve as the church's foundation?
2. John talked about the importance of using your spiritual gifts to build up others in the church spiritually. What is the goal as we develop others (Consider Eph. 4:12-16, Col 1:27-29)?
3. John distinguished between a huddling community of believers—self-centered, stagnant spiritually and a developing community—one that exhorts, edifies, and helps one another grow in Christ. How is it going with your Christian community being a developing one?
4. John said you can build the house of Redeemer Church by helping another Missional Partner grow spiritually. Who are you doing that with right now? How are you doing it (in a Life Group, 1-on-1, through hospitality, etc.)?
5. Who will you talk to next about helping them develop spiritually? Also, who might you ask to help you grow spiritually?
6. Does your involvement in Redeemer ministry and Redeemer relationships look more like John's example of the generous potluck participant or the stingy one? Why are you involved to that degree? Is there any change you think God wants you to make in your involvement?