

Small Group Guide: *Co-laborers not Competitors* - 1 Corinthians 3 - 4
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1. Paul challenges the divisions in the Corinthian church (3:3–4).

Why do people tend to rally around particular leaders, teachers, or personalities?

- What can you do to help "glue the church together" rather than contribute to division?

2. In 3:5–15, Paul describes leaders as servants who plant and water while God gives the growth, and as builders whose work will be tested.

How does this perspective reshape our understanding of success in ministry?

- What kinds of ministry efforts do you think will stand the test of Christ's evaluation?

3. Paul reminds believers that they are God's temple (3:16–17)

What insights can you draw from the analogy of a believer being God's temple?

- How should the reality that the church belongs to God affect the decisions we make, and the way we treat others in the church?

4. In 4:1–13, Paul describes leaders as servants, stewards, and even spectacles to the world.

What does faithfulness look like in Christian leadership?

- Why is humility essential for those who lead God's people?

5. Paul speaks as a spiritual father who urges believers to imitate his example (4:14–16).

Who has been a godly example in your life, and what made their influence effective?

- Who are you a spiritual parent for?
- What responsibilities come with being an example to others, whether in leadership, parenting, discipleship, or friendship?