

## Week 6 Discussion Questions

**Text:** 1 Cor 3:10-23

**Icebreaker:** Have you ever tried to build something where you didn't have the right materials or cook something where you didn't have the right ingredients? How'd it go?

1. Read this week's passage. What stands out to you from the text or from the sermon you heard Sunday?

2. Paul said in verse 9 that, "You are...God's building." What does the "building" described in verses 10-15 represent, given that Jesus is its foundation?

*Application:* Who do you think these "builders" are today and what kind of activities do they engage in?

3. Paul lists various materials in verse 12, where only some are valuable and can withstand fire. What do you think these materials represent?

*Application:* Can you think of an example of work or ministry that will endure and that is worthy of Christ? How about the kind that won't last? Explain the difference.

4. Verses 16-17 reveal that the "building" in verses 9-15 is in fact "God's temple." What's significant about the temple from what Paul says in these verses?

*Application:* God's Spirit dwells in us. What does this mean for us as a church, both as an encouragement and as a potential warning?

5. How do you think verses 18-23 fit as a response to the underlying problem where the Corinthians were saying they belonged to certain human leaders?

*Application:* In Christ, we already have all we could desire (that's truly worth desiring) given the grand scope of eternity. Take time to praise God for all he has given us since we "are Christ's."