**Sermon: God's Fellow Workers. Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 3:1-15.

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

# 1. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Verse 9 offers us the theme of this passage – "we are God's fellow workers." What does this teach us about God? Does God need us to help him? If not, then why does he call us to join him?

#### 2. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Look at verses 1-4. What problem did the Corinthians have? How does Paul describe them? In what ways can we also be "fleshly," or "merely human?"
- b) How does verse 7 serve to humble us? How does verse 9 serve to exalt us and give us confidence? Why is it so important for us to be able to embrace both of these truths while we serve Christ?

## 3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) In what ways was Jesus the perfect servant (v. 5), and the perfect "fellow worker" (v.9)? How does our union with Christ allow us to be these as well?
- b) In verse 11 Paul tells us we must build on the foundation of Christ? In what ways is it possible to "serve God" without it being on the foundation of Christ and his cross?

#### **APPLICATION**

a) Verse 9 says that we are workers in God's field. In what ways will you be preparing the field of human hearts to receive the seed of the gospel this week and beyond?

### **PRAYER**

- Thank God for calling you to work with him in his field.
- Confess ways that you have become "merely human" (fleshly) as you serve the Lord.
- Thank Jesus for being the firm foundation that we can build upon.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to prepare the soil of hearts for the seed of the gospel.