

GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

November 12, 2023 1 Corinthians 3:1-23 "4 Ways to Divide the Church"

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

- 1. One thing that leads to divisions in the church is immaturity in the gospel. How have you tried to grow deeper in your knowledge and understanding of the gospel?
 - a. How can we help one another grow past "milk" and onto "solid food"?
- 2. Even though Christians have the Spirit of God, they can still act "in a human way" (v.3). Talk about why it's important to keep this in mind as we follow Jesus. What should be our response when we find areas of our lives that are "of the flesh"?
- 3. The Corinthians wanted their leaders to be more than "servants" of the Lord (v.5). Why do you think we ask too much of our leaders?
 - a. What are some red flags that suggest we may be misunderstanding the role of our leaders?
- 4. Paul discusses how the leaders' work will be tested by fire. What are the implications for your Christian life?
 - a. Should we live in fear of God's judgment?
- 5. How does it make you feel to see God's jealousy for his people in vv. 16-17?
 - a. What should our response be to God's holy protection of his church?
- 6. Paul once again revisits the contrast between human wisdom and God's wisdom (vv.18-20). How can we know when we are operating from each one?
 - a. Are there any areas of your life that you tend to give too much weight to human wisdom?