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Together for the gospel:
a walk through 1 Corinthians

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Sunday April 17th 2016

Recap: divisions, the Cross of Christ and the Spirit

3v1-4: the problem of Christians who won't grow up

3 marks of unacceptable baby Christians

Knowing
Sharing **Jesus**



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In a world of compare and contrast...

3 Pictures: what church leaders do

3v5—The Waiter

3v6-9—The Farm hand

3v10-15—The Builder

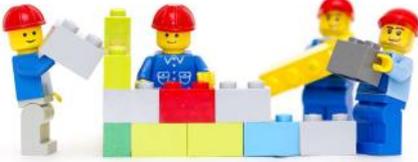
Back to Corinth...

Conversation starter:

How do we judge a good leader from a bad one?

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Discussion group questions

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

- From 3v1-4—how do we know Paul sees the Corinthians as genuine Christians? How do we know he sees them as immature?
- Where do we see these signs of immaturity in the church today? Do we see them in us? Why/why not? What is 'solid food'?
- Different people are called to do different things in the church, and in our lives. Who 'planted the seed' in your life? Who 'watered it'? Can you think of other tasks 'assigned by the Lord' that grew you?
- What is to be our motivation to serve others (v8)? What does this mean?
- Why does Paul need to be 'careful how he builds' (v10)? Given the verses, what would building that is not careful look like? Have you ever experienced that?
- What foundations other than Jesus Christ might people try to build on today? What does Paul mean by Jesus Christ being the foundation? (see ch1 & 2)
- Why is it so crucial to build well?

At Work

- v1-4 compares the 'worldly' and the spiritual. What are the pressures to join the world in jealousy, quarrelling and comparing in your place of work? How can you be different?

Digging deeper

- Paul mentions reward twice (v8 & 14). What is this reward if all we have is by grace?

Give thanks that the church would be growing in maturity in a way that lasts.