



Together for the gospel:
a walk through 1 Corinthians

Looking good?

1 Corinthians 3v16-23

Sunday May 8th 2016

A. The privilege of being church—v16-17

- **God's special place: God's people (v16-17)**

- **A terrifying warning that should shape us (v17)**



- How the damage is done

B. The danger of being worldly—v18-23

- The deceit of conforming to the world (v18-20)

- Take God's side (v19b-20)

•Celebrate God, not man! (v21)

•Boast in what is yours (v21-23)

Conversation starter:

Why is it so easy for the important things in life to take second place?



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/>

Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

- Reread 3v16-23. What things most stood out for you from the passage/talk. Were there parts you found particularly hard or challenging?
- From the passage, what are the implications of being God's temple? How should this purpose give us purpose, vision and enthusiasm?
- Remind yourselves what 'destroying God's temple' is, and how it happens. Have you ever experienced this? How was it?
- Verse 17 is shocking. Being practical, how should this make us think and act?
- As a group, think of things that would be 'wise by the standards of this age' (our age). What does being the kind of fool God approves of mean?
- How are we in danger of being deceived
- What do you boast about? Why is the Lord better? (see v23)

At Work

- Paul says 'become a fool'(v18). What does this mean in a work context? What does in not mean? How do you feel about this?

Digging deeper

- How should 'all things are yours' (v23) help my attitude to the world, to the things I long for and the way I pray?

Pray for one another!