

The church's one foundation: What every church in transition must never forget

1 Cor. 3:1-11

1. Read the text.
2. Try to put yourself in the shoes of a 1st C. Corinthian Christian whose just heard this letter read out loud in church for the first time. How would Paul's words affect you? How would Paul's exhortation confront your worldview?
3. What's Paul's big idea in this passage? Express that idea using a full sentence, not just a word or phrase.
4. How does Paul describe leadership in this text? What can we glean from Paul's words for our present situation?
5. Discuss the metaphor of a local church being a field (vs. 9). How does this metaphor help us understand and appreciate the different cycles or seasons of a church? What kind of season have we come through? What kind of season can you envision PCC entering into?
6. What would it take for PCC's season of transition to result in spiritual transformation? What could derail us from transformation?
7. How does Psalm 23 speak into our current reality?