

w/b 15th November 2015 study questions for small groups (Vic Everitt)

Building Carefully (How to make the most of the rest of your life)

Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

What is this passage about?

Verses 10 and 11 are about foundations.

- How important are foundations in everyday life?
Do you know any examples of poor foundations?
Why does the local authority send people to check a building's foundations?
- Why do you suppose that Christian foundations are important?
Did Jesus say anything about foundations?
- I have some favourite songs like "You did not wait for me..." and "Isn't He Beautiful ...". Why do you suppose that might be?
Have you any favourites and why are they special to you? Do you use songs or lyrics when you are spending time with Jesus and if so why do you do so?
Maybe this is something that you might like to experiment with.

How does Paul continue his argument?

- How do you feel about carrots and sticks? Do you wish that the Bible did not mention judgement and punishment?
- In which ways is it possible to build carelessly? Is there anything that God may be saying to you about being a more careful builder and if so will you share it?
- How does the way in which we build affect others? Eg. family, friends, colleagues, neighbours. Do you need to be less careless?
- How costly is it to build carefully? What did Jesus say about this? (if you would be my disciple ...)

The preacher mentioned what the Church is. If it is a family (Jesus said "here are my mother and sister and brother"), then:

- What adjustments to our thinking should we make? (eg. about meeting together, money, serving)
- In which ways can we take better responsibility in the life of the family?
- In what ways can we behave in a more loving way to each other?
- Why would we want to invite non family to join the family?