

1 Corinthians 3:1-4:5

Verses 1-4

Look at first at 4:6, where Paul explains what his aim in writing this section has been.
How does he puncture the balloon of their pride in v1-4?

Verses 5-9

Who does what on this farm?
How would grasping this change how the Corinthians thought about their leaders?

Verses 10-17

How does Paul describe the role of Christian leaders here?
Why does it matter so much how they build?
When will the results of their work be seen ?

3:18-4:5

As he concludes this passage about leaders, what does Paul want the Corinthians to do and why:

3:18-20

3:21-23

4:1-5

Thinking it through

Think back over the whole passage. What is the role of Christian leaders in the building of the church?
What is our role? What is God's role?

What would be the signs of a congregation following the pattern of the world in their attitudes to leadership?

How will really grasping the truths of this passage keep us humble?

What practical difference do you think believing these things might make for us as we meet together midweek and on a Sunday?