

# A Better Way: Growing Up

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Life Group Questions – March 11, 2018



## Connect

Where did you grow up? How has it changed since you were young?

## Study

1. What is the context of this passage? In other words, what issue has Paul been addressing in the first two chapters of this letter?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 3:1-2**. Are the Corinthians Christians? How do we know? In light of this, what is Paul addressing here?
3. Can Jesus be Savior but not Lord? Why or why not? Does this mean we will not have areas where we still struggle to give Him authority? What is the difference between *living in sin* (unremorsefully and habitually) and *sinning* (see **1 John 3:6**)?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 3:3-4**. What evidence does Paul give that the Corinthians are walking in the flesh? In your own words describe what it means to “walk in the flesh” as opposed to “walking in the Spirit.” How does **Galatians 5:13-25** explain this?
5. **Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-9**. What source are the Corinthians looking to for their growth? What does Paul remind them of how a person grows? Where are you looking for growth?
6. In your own words, what does it mean to *abide* in Christ? How does this go against our normal way of thinking? How are you practicing abiding?
7. What two evidences or fruit will we see when we are abiding in Christ/walking in the Spirit? How have you seen growth in these areas in your life? Where do you still need growth?
8. Do you see yourself as an instrument God can use to grow His Kingdom? What does that look like in your life this week?

## Pray

Pray that God will reveal any ways we are still walking in the flesh and seek Him as the source of growth in your life. Pray also that we would be people who bear inward and outward fruit as we learn to abide in Christ.