

SERVANTS & SUPERSTARS

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2. We've each been assigned a specific _____ by God (3:5).

1 Corinthians 3:5: "What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as **the Lord has assigned to each his task.** ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.

WORKING ON GOD'S FIELD/FARM

- Paul _____ the seed (Acts 18:1-11; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; 9:1; 9:19-23; 15:1-3; Matthew 13:1-23).
- Apollos _____ the seed (Acts 18:27-19:1).
- God made the seed _____.

3. We are _____, but God is _____ (3:6-7).

1 Corinthians 3:6-7: "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. ⁷ **So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.**"

4. We have one _____ (3:8).

1 Corinthians 3:8: "The man who plants and the man who waters ***have one purpose...***"

5. We will be _____ according to our labor (3:8).

1 Corinthians 3:8: "The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, ***and each will be rewarded according to his own labor.***"

6. We are God's _____ in His _____ (3:9).

1 Corinthians 3:9: "For we are God's fellow workers; **you are God's field...**"

FINAL THOUGHTS

As Christians we are not called to be superstars or celebrities, rather we are called to be *servants who seek to make much of God* so that in all things God is _____ and Christ _____.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Take some time to review the message from Sunday. What did you learn? What changes would you like to see in your life as a result of what you've heard?
2. What are some of the ways the Christian church has turned certain Pastors into celebrities and superstars? How can you tell if a Pastor is 'desirous' of superstar status? Should we immediately assume that a well-known or popular Pastor desired to become a superstar/celebrity?
3. How does God want you to view Christian leaders/Pastors (See Hebrews 13:7, 17; 1 Corinthians 16:15-18)? What is the role of a Christian Pastor according to these passages?
4. Did Paul or Apollos desire superstar status, or was it the Corinthian church that had made too much of these leaders? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10-17; 3:1-9). What was Paul's corrective of their behavior?
5. Paul refers to himself and Apollos as 'servants' in order to counteract the Corinthians propensity to make too much of men. What is a servant like according to the following passages (See Matthew 20:28; Mark 9:33-35; John 13:1-17; Philippians 2:1-30)?
6. How can a Pastor, or Christian leader be both a 'servant' and a 'leader'? How can a Pastor have authority and yet also be called a servant of all? Isn't this a contradiction? Take time to think this through and offer an explanation. How does Jesus' life answer these questions? (Matthew 20:28).
7. How does the Biblical idea of 'servant-leadership' contrast with the mindset of secular leadership (C.E.O's)?
8. Discuss the difference between a Pastor being a 'servant of God' and a 'servant of people'? While a Pastor serves people, does this mean the Pastor should follow what people tell him to do?

Take time to pray for one another.

SERIES: LIFE IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE Today's Message: "Servants, Superstars & Celebrities of the Faith"

1 Corinthians 3:5-9

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INTRODUCTION:

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1. We are only _____ (3:5).

1 Corinthians 3:5: "What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe."

Luke 17:7-10: "Suppose one of you had a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Would he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? Would he not rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Would he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"