

How We Build Matters (5/8/22)

Main Verses: I Corinthians 3:10-15

Key Verse: I Corinthians 3:13

'Takeaway': How we build up the church matters so much to God that one day our work will be tested.

Getting Started: Have you ever built something (Legos, Lincoln Logs, etc)? How sturdy was it?

READ the main verses (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- Does our passage mean a physical structure when it talks about building?
- Is the church a building?
- Who is the only true foundation of the church?
- God sees everything, and one day everything we think, do, & say will be made known before him. Is knowing that supposed to scare us? Or help us?

Elementary:

- What does our text mean when it talks about building? Is it referring to a physical structure?
- What do you think is important when building?
- What does our passage tell us is the best & only true foundation for building the church of God?
- How does it make you feel knowing that one day, "each one's work will become manifest (obvious)"? (v 13a)

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- Those who believe in Jesus through faith will not face condemnation on the final day.
- Everything we do (attitudes, words, actions) will be judged by God and rewarded accordingly on the final day.
- It matters to God whether we help or hinder the church, & one day we'll talk to him about our choices.
- Our ultimate "work" is Christ-like faith and the obedience that comes from faith.

Elementary:

- Those who have believed in Jesus through faith, have been justified (made right before God), & will not face condemnation on the final day.
- Everyone's works (attitudes, words, actions) will be judged by God & rewarded accordingly on the final day.
- Our ultimate "work" is Christ-like faith and the obedience that comes from faith.
- We need to be careful how we build up others, being faithful to God & to fulfill the God-given duties as a builder in his church. A poor builder will suffer loss (v.15).

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, thanking him for his church. Thank him that he cares so much for his church that one day his followers will be judged by how they build up the church. Thank God for our church, & ask him to bless our leaders & help us to learn how to build on the foundation of Jesus Christ by believing in him & walking in obedience to him.

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