

**Together: Study in 1 Corinthians**  
***“Playing as a Team” — Football Sunday***  
**1 Corinthians 3:1-17**  
**February 4, 2018 / Pastor Shawn**

**1. Church is a Team Sport.**

<sup>16</sup> Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

**2. God's Spirit reveals God's Playbook.**

<sup>1</sup> Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit, but as people who are still worldly — mere infants in Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:1

**3. God's full playbook is for Veterans not Rookies.**

<sup>2</sup> I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. <sup>3</sup> You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere human beings? 1 Corinthians 3:2-4

**4. Church Leaders are Position Coaches.**

<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> I planted the seed. Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. <sup>7</sup> So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. <sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

**5. As a Team, we support our “Franchise Player”.**

<sup>10</sup> By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:10-11

**6. Our Performance reveals our Preparation.**

<sup>12</sup> If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, <sup>13</sup> their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. <sup>14</sup> If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved — even though only as one escaping through the flames. 1 Corinthians 3:12-15

**Discussion Questions**

1. What was your Take-Away from Sunday's message? Why? What testimony from Football Sunday stood out to you? Why?
2. Jesus is the foundation of the Church (v.11). What does that mean in today's world?
3. What does it mean “to be careful how one builds” (v.10-11)? In what authentic and lasting ways can we build on the foundation that God has laid?
4. God will test the quality of our work as fire tests the quality of building materials (v.13). What kinds of work will withstand that test? How do you feel about the quality of our work being revealed on the day of judgment?
5. What happens to someone who builds with the wrong materials (v. 13-15)? Do they lose their salvation? Explain.
6. In 1 Corinthians 3:3, Paul accused the Corinthians of being “worldly.” How can he say to the same people, “You are God's temple” and “God's Spirit lives in you” (v.16)?
7. What kind of destruction of the temple is Paul thinking about in verse 17? How do you see Christian communities being destroyed this way today?
8. As a church, how may you help PRCC build with care on the foundation of Jesus Christ? Explain.