

## We Are The Church: Building on Jesus

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**1 Corinthians is the story of a church  
that was struggling with how to be The Church.**

**Questions:** What construction experience have you had? What is the largest construction project you have been able to observe? How important is the foundation?

**Before you build up, you have to build down.**

**Read** 1 Corinthians 3:10-16

**Question:** Why is it so important for the “foundation” of the church to be built carefully?

**Read** 1 Corinthians 1:1; 2:2; 3:11

**Questions:** How many times is the name “Jesus” mentioned in the first nine verses of this first letter to the Corinthians? What are some alternatives that people build their lives on besides Jesus?

The foundation of the Christian faith:

- Jesus is God in human flesh.
- He proclaimed the good news that he had come to save the world.
- He was falsely accused and executed.
- Through his death and resurrection, he brought salvation to the world.

**Read** Romans 6:23; Acts 6:31

**The Church is only the Church  
if it’s about Jesus’ story.**

**Question:** How can speculating about the conflict in Israel become a distraction to Jesus being the foundation of the church / your life?

**Following Jesus is not just about believing in Jesus.  
When Jesus puts your life’s work through the fire,  
what’s going to be left?**

**Read** Matthew 25:21; 5:11-12; 6:1, 19-20; 10:42

**Question:** What is your response to this idea of “rewards” that Jesus and Paul talk about?

**Present-day actions have eternal consequences.**

**Read** again 1 Corinthians 3:16

**Questions:** What do you think are some things in our lives that are not obvious “gold, silver and jewels”? What is one area that God is speaking to you about that needs to shift?