

**Crazy Leadership**  
**1 Corinthians 3:1-23**  
**October 10, 2021**

**I. Christian Maturity (V. 1-4)**

A. Worldly thinking can keep our faith in an infant stage and keep us from learning the word of God at the level we should.

B. Christian leadership is a crazy concept to the world, but an elementary concept in the kingdom of God.

**II. Christian Leadership (V. 5-15)**

A. Worldly thinking can give us an idolatrous view of Christian leaders.

B. Take care: Your labor in Christian ministry does not stop with you.

**III. Christian Unity (V. 16-23)**

A. Mess with God's church at your own peril.

B. Implications of verses 21-23:

1. Christians do not belong to their leaders, but to their Savior.
2. God sends leaders as gifts to His people, not people as gifts to His leaders.

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-23.
2. What is the difference between reasonably immature Christians who need encouragement (ex. 1 Peter 2:2) and immature Christians in rebellion who need rebuke (ex. Hebrews 5:11-14)? Which one do you think the Corinthians are according to Paul's words?
3. What are some things that keep Christians from understanding scripture at the level they should, as Paul tells the Corinthians in verse 2? Has there ever been a time in your life when you did not understand scripture at the level you could have?
4. What are the two illustrations Paul uses to describe Christian leadership in verses 5-15? What does it teach us about making idols out of Christian leaders?
5. How have you seen God protect the unity of His church, as He promises in verse 16 and 17?
6. In what way are Christian leaders yours as a believer, as verses 21-23 say? What are some righteous ways Christians can make use (in a good way) of the leaders God sends their way?
7. Pray for our church, that we would have a crazy biblical model for leadership and service. Consider coming to tonight's Zoom prayer meeting at 7 pm. Register from the home page on the church website to be emailed a Zoom link.

## **Church Bible Reading Plan**

Bible Reading Plan: Jeremiah 19-21

September Memory Verses: Jeremiah 2:12-13

***Ephesians 6:18-20***

*18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me (the Apostle Paul), that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.*

**BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

If you have not done so already, register from the [www.apollobaptist.org](http://www.apollobaptist.org) home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. The registration will last through 12/26/2021.

Register with your name and email address.

Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

**Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

- PRAYING for the leaders at Apollo.

**Pray for Our Church Family Needs:**

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:  
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Steve & Joy V. in Turkey, David & Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, John T. in California, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:  
Anita O., Alea O., Andi P. (son and brother), Ruth S. (mother), Reginald (sister), Monica M. (mother, JoAnn T.), Jeanette C., Ruthie C., Floyd and Karen C. (daughter, niece, Mary E.)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:  
Michelle L. (constant pain issues, waiting on results from an MRI), Debbie P. (broke her leg and is now in rehab, still cannot put full weight on that leg), Twyla D. (had a stroke and now has a weakened right side), Ruthie C. (recovery from surgery), Linda C. (waiting test results), Gaylon K. (broke his hip and is now in rehab)
- Others that you are aware of