



**Week 2 | Church in the City | August 27**

**Key Focus: The word of God is superior to human “wisdom.”**

**Opening Up:**

- Would you want to be famous?
- If you could be any celebrity for a day, who would you be?
- How would being a celebrity enhance or expose aspects of your personality?

**Reference: 1 Corinthians 3:5-23**

**Discuss:**

1. In 3:5 Paul makes it clear that pastors are servants, not celebrities. What do you think is behind our modern day celebrity (aka, Kardashian) culture?
2. How can the church combat celebrity culture through service?
3. In 1:21 the Bible says, “it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.” Has God ever used you to help someone believe? How does that feel? How did God use your “folly?”
4. How has the folly of preaching positively affected your life?
5. In 3:6 we see that planting and watering are important, but God is the agent of growth. How have you experienced the miracle of spiritual growth in your life?
6. Paul says that his reward is people (3:8; Philippians 4:1). What are the forces in life that cause us to lose site of the value of people?
7. The people in the church-gathered makeup God’s temple (where God’s presence dwells). (3:16-17) In light of this, why is it important to gather as a church? How has gathering in community as a church helped you?
8. Pray.