

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Foundation Issues, Church Edition

February 19, 2017

I Corinthians 3:9-11

- 1.) Can you think of a time when you feel you personally lost sight (even briefly!) of your church's foundation (purpose, focus, etc.) being Christ alone? What other considerations tend to distract us from this fundamental reality?
- 2.) In what ways do you see Southwood's leaders (formal and informal) following the leadership of Christ? How can you thank/encourage them? ... What potential cracks do you see in this area that could be leading us into pride/following a cult of personality? How can you pray/help with this?
- 3.) Will said following Christ's Word included both teaching it and following it. When in your life has God's Word ever challenged or contradicted your priorities, politics, behavior, or plans? How can we encourage each other to submit all of life to God's Word?
- 4.) What are the difficult implications of the reality that the church is about God and not us? Are you more likely to complain that your church doesn't meet your needs or doesn't do enough to meet the needs of the unchurched?
- 5.) Will used the image of Southwood as a firmly founded storm shelter. Who in your life, neighborhood, circle of friends, etc. needs to be invited into the shelter? If you can't think of anyone, is there someone you could be intentionally praying for and/or moving toward for relationship?
- 6.) This morning we took a vow to give our new officers "all the honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their office ... entitles them." How can you do that proactively? When is that vow most difficult to keep, and how can we urge each other toward doing so?



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