



## WEEK THREE | DIVISIONS IN THE CHURCH

Why isn't Christ enough for us? It's an in-your-face start for this discussion, but it's a troubling question. Are we struggling with buyer's remorse? We bought into the Christian life but, somehow, we still feel pangs of dissatisfaction or unfulfillment. So, we go searching for something to fill in the gaps where Jesus doesn't quite cover it. We make mere humans into giants, heroes, and bigger than life figures because... well, let's start with that question.

**Why do we elevate “mere humans” to heroes and celebrity status?**

### THE SITUATION

**Read 1 Corinthians 3:11**

**Why isn't Jesus enough for us or anyone before us?**

**What foundations do you see people building their lives on?**

**What results have you seen from building on these things?**

### TALK ABOUT IT

Paul is talking to a church that is truly new in their faith. The whole idea of one God and a sacrificial Savior would have been mere fantasy only years before. How to live a proper and faithful life to God and Jesus, alone, would take time to let it sink in. So, what's our excuse?

**Why do you think believers haven't made more progress in becoming spiritually mature?** (This is not to say that there hasn't been any progress, but it seems like one step forward and three steps back.)

**Read 1 Corinthians 3:18–23**

**What does a mature Christian look like?**

**Where do you think you are the most immature as a Christian?**

## **APPLY IT**

Maury Hills has become a very spiritually diverse body regarding our backgrounds and experiences. I don't think those who started this church could have envisioned the breadth of diversity that gathers here every week. And yet, there is no civil war among us concerning differences in the practice of our faith. It is a fragile thing and can easily break if our foundation is on the wrong thing.

**What is the foundation you think is holding us together?**

**How can we make sure the foundation stays strong and doesn't crack?**

## **PRAY**

Start now and make this time an indispensable part of your group time. It can be at the beginning, end, or wherever but don't overlook it. We have plenty to pray about.

- Pray together before you go home.
- Take requests, email them to the group, ask them to pray this week.