

# SERMON BASED STUDY GUIDE

*To maximize the benefit of this study, it's best to complete in advance.*

## [set up]

What was one aspect of the service this last weekend that really connected with you (maybe it was new to you, a refreshing reminder for you, or convicting to you)?

Have someone open in prayer for your group (for your hopes and goals for the time).

## [digging deeper]

Review the teaching passage from Sunday - **1 Corinthian 3:16-23**.

One important observation is related to who is being spoken to. Who is the “you” in this passage? Why is that important and what are the implications and applications based on the answer?

Another issue addressed here is self-deception. How does the person who is “wise” in the ways of the world deceive themselves?

As an exercise, give three examples of living and operating in worldly wisdom and why it would be folly/futile to live and think that way. Then give three examples of exercising Godly wisdom and how they are beneficial to us. Share with your group afterwards.

Examples of worldly wisdom	Why is this folly and futile?

Examples of Godly wisdom	How is this beneficial to us if applied?



Making this personal, go back to the examples above and share a story or example from your own life where you operated out of self-deception and human folly and it cost you, or operated out of godly wisdom and it benefited you.

Re-read verses 21-23. What do these verses mean?

Why are we tempted to boast in humanity, and how can we resist that temptation?

Some are confused by the phrase, “Christ is God’s.” How do we best understand that through a biblical view of the Trinity?

### **[living it out]**

Give everyone a few minutes to individually work on the “SPECK” Bible study method. Keep a special eye open for corporate application to the church. Then share in smaller groups or with the whole group ONE of your takeaways

S – Is there a Sin to avoid?

P – Is there a Promise to hold onto?

E – Is there an Example to follow?

C – Is there a Command to obey?

K – Is there Knowledge about God that we learn?

### **[close in prayer]**

Close in prayer for each other based on the passage we read and the answers you gave to the questions above. You can use words, thoughts, and concepts from 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 as a prayer guide as well as your insights, convictions, and desired applications. Keep in mind how to (1) Praise God, (2) Thank God, (3) Confess to God, and (4) Make requests of God for both yourself, your group, and our church as you pray.

