

**NOTES FOR:** August 3, 2008 AM

**TEXT:** 1 Corinthians 3:5-17

**TITLE:** Assembling the Assembly

**PROPOSITION:** Church leaders are working for God as His servants to labor in His church.

**I. LEADERS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH ARE FELLOW WORKERS FOR GOD, 3:5-15**

**Paul illustrates how we work together for God through two common occupations:**

A. All teachers and leaders in the local church are God's farm hands, 5-9.

1. Leaders are servants with a task assigned by God, v. 5.
  
2. Leaders use God's Word to plant and water but God causes the growth, v. 6.

There are four things I see here about those that plant and water:

- a. The labor of one without the other is useless.
  
  - b. Though both roles are essential to the task, the laborers are interchangeable.
  
  - c. Rivalry between the workers in the field is absurd!
  
  - d. God is the life force that produces the harvest.
3. Leaders who plant and water are nothing and God is everything, v. 7.

4. Leaders who plant and water are equal and God gives to each his reward as He chooses, v. 8.

B. All teachers and leaders in the local church are master-builders, 3:9-15.

Church leaders are fellow-workers for God, v. 9.

1. The church must be built on the right foundation, v. 10-11.

2. Church leaders must be careful how they build on the foundation, 12-15.

**II. LEADERS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH WILL BE JUDGED FOR HOW THEY BUILD GOD'S CHURCH, 3:16-17.**

A. The church is God's temple, v. 16.

B. Those that destroy the local church will be judged, v. 17.