

## MEETING STARTER

# GOD MAKES THE GOSPEL GROW

### **I Corinthians 3:1-9**

Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly—mere infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. <sup>3</sup>You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere men?

<sup>5</sup>What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. <sup>6</sup>I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. <sup>8</sup>The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.

Share anything you have done to make things grow this Spring.

The Corinthian Christians were placing too much emphasis on the men who proclaimed the gospel to them. Some bragged about Paul. Some bragged about his co-worker, Apollos. How did Paul clear up their misunderstanding about the role played by himself and Apollos?

Describe how Christians sometimes place too much emphasis on their pastor when it comes to evangelism (either positive *or* negative).

Describe how Christians sometimes place too much emphasis on their own abilities when it comes to their own evangelism (either positive *or* negative).



**How do Paul's words in this section give you more confidence either in sharing the gospel yourself or inviting someone to hear the gospel in your congregation?**

**Having this confidence, share one thing you will do in the next month to share the gospel.**

**Share your most recent evangelism experience.**