

Evangelism – God’s Plan for Growth I Cor. 3:5-11

Thesis: To help us to better understand God’s plan for the growth of His church.

Introduction:

- A. In the context of I Cor., there is a division among the people.
 - 1. The division was based on who taught the individual Christians (1:10-17).
 - 2. Some thought that they were better than others because of who baptized them.
- B. As Paul comes into our text, he asks the question, “Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos?”
 - 1. Paul reminds us that in the overall scheme of things, we are only ministers (servants) of God.
 - 2. It is God who provides the increase to His church.

Simply put, God’s plan for growth is for us to do His work!

I. We are to plant and water (3:5-11).

A.

The foundation that we lay is Christ (3:10-11).

I Cor. 15:1-2 – It is by the gospel that we are saved.

II. God will provide the increase (3:6-7).

A. God has always provided the increase for His church.

D. God only increases where we plant.

Conclusion: