



## GOD'S FELLOW WORKERS

1 CORINTHIANS 3:9 // APRIL 25, 2021

***As God's fellow workers, we want to see him work through us so that more people will be saved and more churches will be planted.***

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What advantage do Christians gain from partnering together in associations like Acts 29 to advance the Gospel and plant churches?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-9. Who is the most significant person in developing the work of the church? Why do you think Christians need an ongoing reminder of this truth?
3. Do you have any strategic relationships? How do you help these people achieve your shared goals? How do they help you? (*Perhaps your association with a local church is your strategic relationship.*)
4. *Paul distinguishes between the Apostles and Evangelists (i.e., Paul, Apollos are servants, God's fellow workers) and the church (God's field, building). If we put this in modern language, the church leaders are like the construction workers, and the church is the new high-rise complex. What's the focus meant to be on when the work is finished? What are the implications of these comparisons for ministries that venerate or rally around a prominent preacher or teacher?*

5. Here is a list of beliefs and values that our church and Acts 29 have in common. These are Biblical ideals that shape the ongoing work of our local church. Place a checkmark beside each belief/value you share. If there are any ideas that you struggle to internalize, what will help you work with people who hold these ideas deeply?

**Gospel centrality in all of life**

**The sovereignty of God in saving sinners**

**The work of the Holy Spirit for life and ministry**

**The equality of men and women and the principle of male servant leadership**

**The local church as God's primary mission strategy**

**Planting healthy, multiplying churches**

**Pursuing holiness and humility**

**Being a radically diverse and global community**

**Praying for conversions through evangelism**

6. What role(s) do you think you are meant to play as we all work together to make disciples who love God and love people? What can people pray on your behalf so you can play your part full of the Holy Spirit and free from the fear of men?