

Life Group Lesson Outline

Sinners & Saints

Date of sermon given: May 3rd, 2026

Icebreaker (10-15 minutes)

Purpose: Encourage fellowship and set a comfortable tone.

Example Questions:

- What is your high and low for the week?
 - What are some things that gave you joy this week?
 - What are some things that gave you sadness this week?
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Lesson / Discussion (30-40 minutes)

Opening Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-16 & 3:1-4

Theme = The teaching from Sunday explores 1 Corinthians 3-4 to explain that the church is not a human institution, but rather "God's building" and a spiritual temple where His Spirit dwells. Pastor Sam emphasizes that the church must be built with "gold, silver, and precious stones"—representing sacrificial love and Christ-like character—rather than "wood, hay, and straw" like human charisma, eloquence, or worldly success

Question 1 = Pastor Sam used the analogy of a water filter to describe how we should process our thoughts through the "word of the cross." In what areas of your life (family, work, or church) do you find it hardest to filter your reactions and opinions through the lens of Jesus' sacrifice?

Question 2 = The sermon mentions that we often use "merely human criteria" like size, budget, or charisma to evaluate a church's health. According to 1 Corinthians 13 and Ephesians 3, what are the actual "God-given measurements" we should be using to see if we are growing?

Question 3 = How does the reality that *you* are part of "God's home" and dwelling place change the way you view the people sitting in your small group or the person you find most difficult to get along with in the church?

Question 4 = Paul warns that work built with "wood, hay, and straw" will be burned up when tested by fire [01:06:21]. What are some "Monday-morning" ways you can begin building your life and this church with "sacrificial love" rather than seeking worldly recognition or success?

Reflection / Prayer = Take some time to pray for each other and our church.

Prayer Requests (10-30 minutes)

- Invite group members to share prayer needs. It would be good for the Leader to start this sharing time.
 - Close with prayer, praying for each request. (if they are comfortable, rotate who prays for the group)
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- **Leader Notes** [Space for personal notes or reflections]

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