All Things Are Yours Text: 1 Corinthians 3:18-4:5 June 4, 2022

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text? a) What is the setting and what is happening? b) Who are the main characters? c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text says about God and about me?
a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?a) What is the overall theme of the text?b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is the application? a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today? b) What is the next step that I need to take too see this happen?

Point 1: Don't be <u>DECEIVED</u> by Worldly <u>WISDOM</u> (3:18-20) Question #5

- a) Rd 3:18-20: What does Paul say about the wisdom of this world?
- b) What aspects of worldly wisdom may be deceptively filtering into your life?
- c) How can you replace the wisdom of the world with the wisdom of God?

Point 2: Don't <u>DIVIDE</u> over Christian <u>LEADERS</u> (3:21-23) Question #6

Rd 3:21-4:1: How does knowing that "all things are yours" change the way you think about..

- i) Discussing differences on secondary doctrines?
- ii) Visiting a church that belongs to a different denomination?
- iii) Grieving the loss of a loved one?
- iv) Dealing with the anxiety we feel about the uncertainty of the future?

Question #7

a) Note the different illustrations that Paul uses for Christian leaders...

- i) Servants ("diakonos"-v.5)
- ii) Fellow-Workers (3:6-9)
- iii) Builders (3:10-16)
- iv) Servants ("hyperetes"-4:1)
- v) Stewards (4:1)
- b) How do these illustrations differ from the way the world understands leadership?
- c) What's one way you can live out Biblical leadership in your life this week?

Point 3: Don't <u>DEPEND</u> on Human <u>JUDGEMENT</u> (4:1-5)

Question #8

Rd vv. 1-2: As stewards, spiritual leaders must be found faithful. How can you encourage the leaders at HBC Ottawa to remain faithful as they serve the Lord?

Question #9

- a) **Rd vv. 3-5:** Why is it dangerous for us to "pronounce judgement before the time" or to try to judge "the purposes of the heart" (v. 5)?
- b) What's the difference between judging someone' actions and judging someone's motives? (See 1 Samuel 16:7 & 17:28)

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) REVERENCE before God: Jesus, I praise You because You are____
- b) HUMILITY before God: Confess & repent of revealed sin areas from this week's passage.
- c) THANKSGIVING to God: Thank Jesus His: i) Wisdom ii) Guidance iii) His Church
- d) <u>SUPPLICATION</u> to God: Pray for... i) Increasing wisdom from God ii) Spiritual leaders in our church and other churches iii) Increasing dependence on Christ alone.

Memory Verse:

"Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise."-1 Corinthians 3:18