

Study notes based on Sunday 11 February 2018

Apostles

1 Corinthians 3:1-17

1. Graeme cited three things that apostles are not defined as, with supporting arguments.
 - Massive charismatic leadership see 2 Corinthians 10:10; 11:16
 - Performing signs, wonders and miracles – Matthew 7:21-23
 - Leading many churches – Titus was an apostle but he didn't even lead one.

How do you respond?

2. 'An apostle is someone sent with the whole gospel' see Colossians 1:23 – what examples can you think of where a partial gospel, or a distorted emphasis, is expressed? e.g. Graeme mentioned those who major on the end times.
3. Can you recall ways in which your Biblical view has changed over time? How did this happen?
4. 'Apostles bring to the church a vision of Jesus' 1 Corinthians 2:2
 - Graeme gave examples of 'Jesus plus' e.g. Jesus plus legalism; someone in between – do we read more from other people's books about the gospel, than we do the Bible; or 'we've moved on from Jesus to the Holy Spirit.' How do you respond? Do you recognise these tendencies?
5. 'Apostles are builders' Their job is to bring all the living stones together with Jesus as the cornerstone. How do we avoid a lopsided church?
6. 'Apostles release people and don't do everything'. What Biblical evidence do we see for this? E.g. see 1 Corinthians 3:3-7.
7. 'The whole church is called to be apostolic'. How can we express this? 'What can I do this week that shows that I am part of an apostolic body that brings the whole gospel of Jesus to a broken world?'

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