

### **Marinating in God's Word: 1 Corinthians 3:16-17**

You've got mail! A letter sent long ago to someone else, now by the power of the Spirit has been forwarded to you, so that you may grow in Jesus Christ.

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

- Fill this in: holiness is not... Now fill this in: holiness is... Now summarize these thoughts in a definition of holy.
- Now describe what seemed to you to be a holy place. What made it seem holy? Same question with a person: describe a person you've known who seemed holy. What made him/her seem holy? Does your experience of a holy place or person change your definition of holy? How so?
- Paul later writes about each of us being a temple of the Holy Spirit (chapter 6), but here he is speaking about all of us ("you" is plural in Greek). Considering the duke's mixture of people in the church, in our church, how can he describe us as holy?
- What does the Lord do about the parts of our lives, each and all, that desecrate the holy?
- If Jesus is holy, and the Lord is gradually making us to be like Jesus, he is making us holy. A year from now, how would you like that holiness to be showing in your life? A year from now, how would you like to see holiness showing more in St. Giles?

Next week we'll focus on Acts 2:1-4 and 1 Corinthians 12:1-11.