Oceanside Connect Group Outline Week of September 11th, 2016

WHAT ARE YOU BUILDING MARK MANFREDI

Key Scriptures:

1 Corinthians 3:10–17 (ESV)

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Discussion questions from this week's sermon

What role does the foundation play in the house building process?

What problems can develop if a house is build with a poor foundation?

In verses 10-11, how does Paul develop this foundation illustration to teach on the true nature of the church?

Verse 12 lists six types of building materials. What do you observe about the order and nature of these materials?

Why is "Day" capitalized in verse 13? What is its significance in God's timeline of history? (see also 1 Corinthians 4:4 and Revelation 11-15)

How does fire affect the various building materials listed here? What is the spiritual meaning behind this physical reality?

According to verses 16 and 17, what is in store for those who would maliciously attempt to tear down God's church?

In the midst of a busy and full life, how do you weigh what is really important in life?

If you could return to earth 50 years after your death, what enduring legacy might remain from your life?