I. OBSERVATION

Author?

Paul

Audience?

The church in Corinth

What is happening?

Paul is telling the Corinthian Church that he is writing from Ephesus and is looking forward to visiting them.

Where is this happening?

Paul is writing from the city of Ephesus.

When is this happening?

AD 55

Why is this happening?

Paul is writing to them from the city of Ephesus as he had to free Philippi, Thessalonica and Berea because of persecution.

How is this happening?

Paul wrote the letter of 1st Corinthians to address concerns and questions from believers in the church.

What does the passage say? (Make lists, identify: contrasts, promises, & commands)

General Observations Significance

Verse: I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow.

1 Corinthians 3:6 NLT

General observations:

- I saw how Paul shared the good news.

- Apollo's played a part in helping Paul.

- God is the ultimate gardener.

Significance:

- Worshipped God in spirit and truth.

- Apollo's is a servant.

- Paul and Apollo's were used as tools.

Ask lots of questions of the passage

Question? Findings.

Questions:

- Why are they speaking in parables / figure of speech?

- How does God make something grow?

- How is something planted in the heart? Is that also connected mentally?

Findings:

- As Jesus spoke in parables his servants did the same.

- The faith of the believers in the church.

- John 4:24 NLT: For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

RECORD YOUR KEY WORDS (What are the words and phrases that stood out to me)

Key Word Definition

- Planted: place, a seed / bulb, or plant in the ground so that it can grow

- Seed: a flowering plant of reproduction, capable of developing into another such plant.

- Grow: of a living thing, undergo natural development by increasing in size and changing physicality, progress to maturity.

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II. INTERPRETATION

Record the context of the passage. How do the verses before and after the passage help you understand

the passage?

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- In the verses before and after, I understand that Paul and Apollos were merely servants doing what God told them, but overall they got no credit as all the glory belonged solely to God.

What is the overall theme of this chapter?

Paul and Apollos, servants of Christ

What does it mean?

It means that Paul and Apollos were merely servants of Christ and in the Scriptures it talks about the parts they played as servants of Christ.

Record your summary of the meaning in this passage:

The meaning of this passage is that Paul and Apollos were simply playing their part as holy vessels for God. In order to plant the seed one has to be connected to the root which pours out nourishment for others to get / remain planted. As God is the excellent gardener, his approach is through direct communication through the Holy Spirit. Each servant has their own objective but overall the goal is to tell people about Jesus. Paul played his role, so did Apollos. God's already moving in our lives in ways we just don't know.

III. APPLICATION

What does this passage mean to me?

The meaning of the passage to me is that God uses each of us to play a specific role as we're a part of his master plan.

How will I apply this to my Christian walk with Christ?

To accept help in any way God chooses to show up and to get rid of my own scenarios in my head with the assumption of how I would "like/want" God to present himself in a given situation.