

²⁶ Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. ²⁷ Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. ²⁸ God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. ²⁹ As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.

³⁰ God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin. ³¹ Therefore, as the Scriptures say, "If you want to boast, boast only about the LORD."

— 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Discussion/Journal Questions

What is something you are looking forward to in next few months?

Have two or three people read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 out loud slowly. After some time of reflection, ask each other what words, phrases, or ideas stand out to everyone. What questions come to mind as you meditate on this scripture?

What is your honest, heart response to the question, "Is God disappointed with me?" Why do you feel that way?

In the sermon, Pastor John shared that God does not change. "He will always be who He has declared Himself to be, and He will always do what He has declared Himself to do." How does this answer the question we are wrestling with this week?

In 1 Corinthians 1:26-28, what kind of people does God chose? Why?

How is God's ways different from the ways of the world?

In 1 Corinthians 1:30, Paul gives us three word pictures to help us see what the wisdom of God in Christ is like. What are they?

If in Christ you are righteous, holy, and set free, how do you think God feels about you?

What can you do to remind yourself of this truth when tempted to feel God is disappointed with you?

How can your group pray for one another this week?