



THE PROBLEM OF CHURCH

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There are many who, when they think about the church, say, “Who needs it?” As we’ve learned in this series, so many have a problem with the Church because the Church has not always done the best job representing Jesus. Because of this hypocrisy and mismanagement, an entire generation chooses to deconstruct, disaffiliate, and disavow. For them: The Church is just another philosophy. One can take it or leave it if it's just another philosophy. However...

Big Idea: The Church is a force, not a philosophy.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What would you place on your “Can’t live without it” list? Think about your habits and rhythms. What could you get rid of today and not miss tomorrow? How important is church life in your life?
2. With your Bible or Bible App, **read 1 Corinthians 1:4-8**
3. What does it mean to be ‘enriched in him in all speech and knowledge’? (v.5) What does it mean when Paul says they ‘are not lacking in any gift’? (v.7)
4. Where is the basis of Paul’s thanksgiving? Who does he thank? Who gave them grace? In whom were they enriched? Who sustains? Who is faithful? Who called them into fellowship?
5. With your Bible or Bible App, **read 1 Corinthians 1:18-30.**
6. So, Paul calls the world foolish. But he also calls what we preach folly. And then he ends with the foolishness of God is wiser, and the weakness of God is stronger. What is Paul trying to do with these rhetorical devices?
7. How have you seen your foolishness or weakness made strong in God?
8. How does it feel to you to be in this category: weak, foolish, low, and despised? Why does God choose these kinds of people for his kingdom work?
9. How have you found yourself boasting about yourself in the past? What is it in verses 30-31 that give us no grounds to boast in ourselves?
10. Who needs the church? Based on these passages, how is the church a force, not just a philosophy? How can we live as a force for Jesus this week?