

THE CHURCH: GOSPEL POWER

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You may have believed the message of the cross but do you live a cross-centered life?

In what does your faith rest?

Do you *boast* about your relationship with Christ?

GROUP / FAMILY DISCUSSION

- If you HAD to boast about something, what would it be and why?
- What does our culture look to for wisdom?
- What does our culture look to for power?
- In what ways does the message of the cross (the gospel) look foolish to people in our culture today?
- In what ways does the gospel seem powerless to people in our culture today?
- Read **Matthew 11:25**. Why is Jesus thankful that God has hidden the message of the kingdom from the wise and given it to children?
- How did you answer each of the three application questions:
You may have believed the message of the cross but do you live a cross-centered life?
In what does your faith rest?
Do you *boast* about your relationship with Christ?
- Did the Spirit convict, prompt, or encourage you through these questions? In what way?
- How can we (as your community) practically help you live out what the Spirit made you aware of?
- **Pray** that you might live in a way that *boasts* of God's work in the gospel so that someone around you might ask you about your faith.

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