

DISCUSSION GUIDE



"So That No One May Boast"
Corinthians Are U.S., Part 2

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WELCOME *Meet at the front of Sanctuary.*

WORSHIP *"Build My Life" – Pat Barrett*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z32HiCoFzIU>

WORD *1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

1. What stood out to you the most in the message? Why?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 and discuss the following:

2. What are the two categories of people Paul uses in his letter?
3. As disciples of Jesus living in "the world," what are 3 stumbling blocks Pastor Bryan highlighted that stem from the temptation to believe the world's ideas, theologies, and philosophies?
4. The Corinthian church was struggling with their environment and the incompatible philosophies of the world with God's wisdom. Compare this to "U.S." and share examples of today's worldly theologies, philosophies, and ideas that can lead us to:
 - (1) self-aggrandizement and self-sufficiency
 - (2), self-righteousness, or
 - (3) superstitious solutions that point to idols and anything other than God.
5. Reflect on these three. Which ones are your greatest potential stumbling blocks? Why? And how can you apply God's truth and wisdom to each. (*Ex: What does God's Word say about self-sufficiency? About self-righteousness? About turning to idols?*)
6. **Read verses 26-29.** Pastor Bryan spent time discussing what it means to be "called" by God. What stood out to you?
7. **Read verses 30-31 and Jeremiah 29:23-24.** Like the Corinthians, we are prone to take cues from the culture and to boast (self-aggrandizement, self-sufficiency, self-righteousness). What ways can we apply Paul's exhortation to "consider your calling" so that we might remain on the narrow path?

WITNESS Meditate on Jer. 29:23-24. Ask Holy Spirit to help you clearly see your past through God's lens and give understanding of his kindness, justice, and righteousness exercised in your life. As you witness to others in the future, may you boast in Christ alone.