

This Week's BIG IDEA: This week we continue to focus on the cross as the foundation of the gospel, referred to often in this passage as the wisdom of God. Paul highlights two things specifically about the cross. Firstly, that the cross was God's plan all along, since before time began. Secondly, that the Holy Spirit has a vital role in revealing the cross to people - that however eloquently or not we share the gospel, we're completely dependent on the Spirit for people to understand and respond to it.

Focussing on God

Here are a couple of worship song suggestions that focus on the cross.

The Stand - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbzVh94-OLQ>

The Wondrous Cross - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRfkehPOSU>

Getting into Scripture

1. Please read 1 Corinthians 2:6-9

- Why do Christians, who have already responded to the gospel, need to hear the message of the cross again and again?
- What are the differences between the world's wisdom and God's wisdom, and why are they important?
- How do you feel about God having destined things before time began?

2. Please read 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

- What does this passage reveal about who the Holy Spirit is and what he does?
- How does knowing the Holy Spirit's role in salvation challenge our pride? You might want to consider reviewing the 'Potential Areas of Pride' listed below.
- How can we demonstrate dependence on the Holy Spirit when witnessing about Jesus and reading the Bible?

Time to Pray

Please continue to give time to praying for Kingdom breakthrough each week by praying for the Holy Spirit to reveal 'Christ crucified' to specific people you know.

Pray for each other to receive further revelation of the cross.

Potential Areas of Pride

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Stronger desire to do my will than God's.2. Leaning too much on my own understanding and experience.3. Relying on my own strengths and resources.4. More concerned about controlling others than self-control.5. Too busy doing "important" and selfish things.6. A tendency to think I have no needs.7. Hard to admit when I'm wrong.8. More concerned about pleasing people than God. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">9. Overly concerned about getting the credit I feel I deserve.10. Thinking I am more humble or devoted than others.11. Wanting recognition from degrees, titles and positions.12. Feeling my needs are more important another's.13. Feeling superior because of my abilities and accomplishments.14. Not waiting on God.15. Thinking more highly of myself than I should. |
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