

Small Group Study Questions

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The Cross Centered Christian
1 Corinthians 1:17-2:5
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Big Idea: The cross is foolishness to this world but God's wisdom (the cross) is power for those who believe.

Intro: We all do dumb stuff, but no one wants to be a fool.

1. Give some examples of worldly wisdom that you think are in direct conflict with the wisdom of God?

A. The wisdom of God is the cross of Christ v.18

2. Vs. 18 What is the message of the cross? (see Mark 8:34-35; 2 Timothy 2:12; Revelation 22:5)

B. The cross abolishes our boasting v.26-31

3. Vs. 30 Define these terms:

Righteousness (Romans 4:24-25):

Sanctification (2 Thessalonians 2:13-15):

Redemption (Romans 8:23; Ephesians 4:30):

C. The cross leads to counter cultural living (destroys the world's wisdom) vv. 19-25

4. Vs. 21 What does Paul mean by “the foolishness of the message”?
5. Vs. 23 Why did Paul say the crucified Christ was a stumbling block to Jews?
6. Vs. 23 Why did Paul say the crucified Christ was foolishness to the Gentiles?

D. The cross is power for those who believe v.17,18, 30 & 2:5

7. Vs. 2:1-5 Having just come to sinful Corinth and encountered opposition in Thessalonica, Berea and Athens, Paul could be justifiably anxious and discouraged. (Acts 17). After explaining he did not use lofty speech or wisdom but decided to know nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified, Paul says his words were in demonstration of the Spirit and of power (v.4) so that your faith might not rest on the wisdom of men but in the power of God. The cross is power for those who believe.
8. In language a non-believer could understand, describe how would you share this message with him/her?