

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

SERIES: 1 CORINTHIANS

MESSAGE: CHRIST CRUCIFIED

1:18-31

What one thought encouraged or challenged you the most from this message? Why?

TRUTH TO OBSERVE | READ 1 COR. 1:18-31

- List the contrasts between the wisdom of the world and the wisdom of Christ.
- Why is the word of the cross “folly” to the unsaved and “wisdom” and “power” to those who are saved?
- What does Paul mean when he says “we preach Christ crucified?”
- Why is the message of Christ crucified a “stumbling block” and “folly?”
- Why is the foolishness of God wiser and more powerful than man’s wisdom and power?
- How is Jesus “wisdom from God?” (define the words listed in verse 30 to help answer the question).

TRUTHS TO DISCUSS

THE POWER OF THE CROSS WILL ALWAYS BE OPPOSED

- What are the three enemies each believer faces in this life?
- Why is the cross of Christ opposed and how?

THE POWER OF THE CROSS IS FOUND WHEN I AM SAVED AND SANCTIFIED

- What are we saved from?
- What are the four pillars of the gospel mentioned in the sermon? How do they provide a solid foundation?
- Explain the word “sanctification” and how challenges you to live a holy life?

THE POWER OF THE CROSS IS FOUND WHEN I DAILY DENY MYSELF, PICK UP MY CROSS AND FOLLOW JESUS

- How do we see “expressive individualism” as the idol of our culture today?
- How does James 4:1 – 2 explain the source of divisions and quarrels?
- Read Luke 9:22 – 24. What did it mean to pick up ones cross then and today?

- How does this deal with our pride and dealing with the “mighty me” in our lives?
- Why is it often hard to “die to self?”

THE POWER OF THE CROSS IS FOUND WHEN I FIND MY VALUE AND WORTH IN HIS LOVE

- How is this the golden nugget of the passage?
- How does it reveal the heart of God for you?
- How does this help explain what is really behind “expressive individualism” and the promotion of yourself over others?
- How does it help you deal with pride, selfishness, and the promotion of self?
- How have you seen Christianity become an individualized, practical and pragmatic faith? Is this good or bad?
- Is your faith true because it is good and helpful, or is it good and helpful because it is true?
- How does this idea set your faith apart?
- How have you seen the implications of the gospel influence your life and your witness?
- How does this passage help you provide the reason for going and loving your neighbor?
- What is one take away from this passage you can apply this week?