

Foolishness and Power
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
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Growth Group Questions

1. Share an example of something in your life that was foolish, but you did not realize this fact until you gained more wisdom.
2. Paul says the Jews sought signs, and the Greeks wisdom. How do you see these two desires play out in our own culture?
3. How does the cross reveal the uniqueness of God's wisdom?
4. How does this passage encourage you when you are faced with the temptation to modify the message of the cross?

5. How does the cross give all glory to God as Paul claims that it does?

Next Week: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Isaiah 29:13-19

And the Lord said: “Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.” Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?” You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, “He did not make me”; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”? Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.”