



1 Corinthians 1:18– 31

Boasting in the wisdom of God

Read 1 Cor 1:18-31

- 1. Share with each other an embarrassing conversation you have had or a ‘topic area’ that you would feel too foolish to enter into an in-depth conversation about?**
- 2. In your own words what is ‘The message of the cross’?**
- 3. Why is it that Paul says that the message of the cross is foolishness? (v18) Why might we be embarrassed to share it with others?**
- 4. How could we be tempted to alter how we speak of Christianity so as to make it sound less foolish and more palatable?**
- 5. How could this be a challenge for us as a church now that we have moved into a new location and seek to reach new people?**
- 6. What can human wisdom never do? (v21) How has God instead chosen to work to save people? How might this give us confidence as we share our faith with others?**
- 7. Why does the message of the cross not work for Jews and Greeks? (v22-23) How might this be similar in our world today?**

- 8. Why is it essential that we keep preaching Christ crucified? (read Rom 1:16)**

- 9. In what way has God worked in the lives of the Corinthians? (v26-28) Why do you think that God has worked in such a way?(v29) How do we see the 'wisdom of God' in this?**

- 10. How does this 'calling' and 'choosing' of the Corinthians help us understand the character of God and the nature of salvation? How are we similar to the Corinthians?**

- 11. What role does Jesus play in making us fit for eternal life? (v30) What role have we played in this? How should this make us think of Jesus in the light of this?**

- 12. As Christians how are we sometimes tempted to boast in ourselves? What are some things that we need to cease boasting in and putting our confidence in?**

- 13. What does it mean to 'boast in the Lord'? (v31) How can we be doing this in our daily lives? How do we do this in our church gatherings?**

- 14. Pray together that we would have courage and boldness to boast in the message of the cross and be unashamed to declare it to others. Pray that as a church we will be uncompromising in our preaching of the cross in our gatherings.**