

Family Discussion Questions on "The Cross is the Power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18)

## What This Means for Our Family

The world often trusts strength, success, or wisdom. God works differently. He shows His greatest power through the cross of Jesus. On the cross, Jesus took away our sin, defeated death, and won forgiveness for us. Our hope and certainty do not come from what we do, but from what **Christ has done for us**.

### Questions for Younger Children (Ages 3-5)

1. Who is Jesus?
2. What did Jesus do on the cross?
3. Does Jesus love you all the time?
4. When you are scared or sad, who helps you?
5. Is Jesus stronger than sin and death?

### Questions for Children ages 6-10

1. The sermon talks about feeling unsure, like when it snows and plans change. What makes you feel unsure or worried? How does knowing Jesus died on the cross for you make you feel safe?
2. Paul says people were arguing about who their favorite teacher was, like Paul or Apollos. Why do you think it's better to follow Jesus instead of just a person?
3. The cross looks like something sad to some people, but the Bible says it's God's power to save us from our sins. Draw a picture of the cross and tell your family one way Jesus shows His power through it.

### Questions for Older Children and Teens (Ages 11+)

1. The early church had questions about things like food or circumcision, and Paul wrote letters to help. How does the Bible help us today when we're unsure about right and wrong? Share a Bible verse that gives you certainty, like John 3:16, which reminds us of God's love in Christ.
2. In Corinth, people were divided over leaders, but Paul says Christ isn't divided. How can we avoid "following" a pastor or teacher more than Jesus in our church? How do the creeds (like the Apostles' Creed) keep our focus on Christ's work on the cross?
3. Paul calls himself the "foremost of sinners" but says the message is about God's power, not his own. How does this encourage you when you mess up? Discuss the importance of remembering our Baptism when we are burdened with our sin.

### Questions for Parents and the Whole Family

1. The sermon mentions uncertainties in life, like weather or plans changing. As a family, what uncertainties are we facing right now? How does the cross of Christ—where God sacrificed His Son for us—bring us true certainty?
2. Paul warns against "eloquent wisdom" that empties the cross of its power. In our world today, what "wise" ideas (like self-help or success tips) might distract from the simple Gospel? How can we as a family keep the message of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection at the center of our home devotions?
3. The sermon ends by saying God conquers all uncertainty through the cross. Share a time when focusing on Jesus' sacrifice helped your family through a tough spot. How can we live out our vocations—serving others in our daily roles—knowing it's powered by God's grace, not our strength?

### Application Activity for the Family

Read 1 Corinthians 1:18 aloud together. Then, as a group, pray a simple prayer thanking God for the power of the cross. Consider memorizing the verse this week and discussing it at mealtimes to reinforce how the Word and Sacraments deliver Christ's forgiveness and certainty to us.