

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

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God's Intentional _____

God Intends to _____ Man's wisdom

So that God _____
_____ of Human Desires

There is no good news without _____

We must be prepared to look _____

Preaching is not about the _____ but the

what the world calls _____, heaven declares to be the only hope for _____

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¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's text of Scripture. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. One of the best ways to grow as a disciple is by discussing these types of questions in a small group. Find a small group here: gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup or ask someone next to you if you can join their group!

UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

1. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18–25. What stands out most to you in this passage?
2. Why does Paul contrast the “wisdom of the world” with the “foolishness of the cross”?
3. What did the Jews and Greeks each seek, and why was Christ crucified a problem for both?
4. What does it mean that God chose to save through “the folly of what we preach”?

EXAMINING OURSELVES

5. In what ways are we tempted to prefer human wisdom over God's revealed truth?
6. How do you see the gospel being considered “foolish” in today's culture?
7. Have you ever struggled with being embarrassed or hesitant to talk about the cross? Why?
8. How has the message of the cross become “the power of God” in your own life?

LIVING IT OUT

9. What would it look like for you to live in a way that shows confidence in the wisdom of God, not the wisdom of the world?
10. How can we as a group encourage each other to share the gospel—even when it seems foolish to others?
11. Who in your life sees the message of the cross as foolishness, and how can you pray for or minister to them?
12. How can we reflect the humility of Christ crucified in how we serve one another this week?