

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 • The message of the cross

Study 3 — Discussion Questions

- The Apostle contrasted “the message of the cross” with “the wisdom of the world.” What is “the message of the cross”?
- Why is the crucified Messiah “a stumbling block to Jews”
- Why is this message of the cross “foolishness” to those who are perishing?
- Why is the message of the cross “the power of God” to believers?
- In what ways does the wisdom of this world pale in comparison to the wisdom of God?
- According to 1:19–31, why did God choose to express His power through foolishness, weakness, and lowliness?
- Are the unbelievers you know more like the Jews who wanted miraculous signs (practical evidence) to prove the gospel, or more like the Greeks who wanted philosophical proofs? How can you get through to such people with the truth of the gospel?
- How has “God made foolish the wisdom of the world” (1:20)?
- Pastor Paul made a statement about *the power of God to transform a life*. Can you share an example of how the power of God has transformed your life?

