

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
The Foolishness of the Cross

Getting Started

Why do you think the message of the cross seems foolish to some of our non-Christian friends?

Background and Overview

- **Read 1 Cor 1:10-17.** What problem was Paul addressing in these verses?

- **Read vss. 18-31.** What key words are repeated?

Digging In

1. **Read 1 Cor 1:18-25 again.** How is the message of the cross regarded by those who are perishing? Explain.
2. How is it regarded by those who are being saved? Why?
3. In what sense has God frustrated the wisdom of this age? (vss. 19-21)
4. What are some ways in which people try to reach God through human wisdom?
5. **Read vss. 22-25.** How is the message of Christ crucified a stumbling block to Jews?
6. Why is it foolishness to Gentiles (non-Jews)?
7. How does *Christ crucified* demonstrate the power of God?
8. How is it evidence of God's wisdom?



Getting Personal

- When you first heard the gospel, did it make sense to you or did it seem strange? Explain.

- What was Paul's attitude toward the gospel? (Rom 1:16-17)

- How did he respond after spending 11 chapters explaining the glorious gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ? (Rom 11:33-36)

- List three ways we can follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul?