

LIFE GROUP

Notes

Session 2



READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

IN

Introduction

This powerful passage is all about what is considered foolishness and what is considered wise. Paul is describing the gospel as completely foolish in the eyes of the world. For those looking on it seems ridiculous.... However, this 'foolishness' turns everything upside down, and opens the way for EVERYONE to step into a relationship with God

QUESTION: what is the most foolish thing you have ever done? What happened? What did you learn?

UP

Explore

Read verse 18 together - how does this speak to you? Why is the cross foolishness? And why is this good news?

Looking at *verses 20-24*:

- What sources of wisdom did people reject in Paul's day? (v22)
- Why did they reject God's wisdom (v23)
- What sources of wisdom does society/culture seek out today?
- What impresses people most within the communities you live (works, family etc)?
- Be honest! What about you - where do you seek wisdom, what impresses you?

Now let us consider God's choice - what does he choose to use?

Read verses 26-31

- Look at the pairs of words that Paul uses - you might want to write them out
 - What comes to mind as you read this list?
 - How is this an encouragement to you?
 - How could this become an encouragement to those around you?
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OUT

Impact

Paul spent his whole life as a Christian leader trying to explain to people why the cross of Jesus is the 'saving power of God' (1:8).

QUESTION: Why do you find the gospel so attractive over the wisdom of the world?

PRAYER: As a group pray for one another for opportunities to share with others what faith in Jesus means to you.