Stronger: BOAST IN THE BLOOD

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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Worldly wisdom fails because it...

Supposes that the message of Christ crucified is <u>stupid</u>; HOWEVER, believers in Christ embrace salvation through <u>foolish preaching</u>. (18-21)

Begs for a <u>sign</u> or <u>enlightenment</u>; HOWEVER, believers in Christ experience both His <u>power</u> and <u>wisdom</u>. (22-25)

Boasts in <u>human accomplishments;</u> HOWEVER, believers in Christ boast in <u>His blood.</u> (26-31)

Questions for Discussion:

Do you know any non-Christians personally who consider the gospel message foolishness? If so, who are they and what have they said? Take time in your group to pray for them.

What are some examples of worldly wisdom in our culture? How are these contrary to the wisdom of God?

Do you see examples of Christians seeking such worldly wisdom today? Are there ways you personally are seeking such worldly wisdom? If so, how?

What would it look like for you to forsake such pursuits and seek God's wisdom?

What are some of the more common worldly pursuits that you have observed people boasting about? Why are these so vain?

How can we as Christians strive to excel in this world without falling into such temptation?

Are there ways you personally have fallen into temptation concerning such worldly pursuits? If so, what would it look like for you to repent and follow Christ?