

1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5. Study 2.

1. Wisdom, Foolishness and Power. What images/ people/ ideas come to mind when you think of these words? (Brainstorm on board)

2. What does it mean that “the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God?” (1:18)

3. In what ways has “God made foolish the wisdom of the world?” (1:20)

4. In what ways do we tend to doubt God’s wisdom, both in our own lives and in the world at large?

5. Read Paul’s description of what the Corinthians were like when they became Christians (see vs 26-30) and Paul’s description of himself in 2:1-5.

What do we learn about those who God saves and uses in ministry? How does this differ from what we might more naturally assume?

6. Verse 31 says, “Therefore as it is written, ‘Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.’”

What things do we tend to want to boast in? What would it look like for us to “boast in the Lord”?