

# Small Group Guide



**Scripture Reading: Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 together.**

## **Key Takeaways:**

1. The wisdom of God often appears foolish to the world.
2. Trusting God's wisdom over worldly wisdom is a daily choice.
3. The cross of Christ is central to God's wisdom and plan.
4. God often chooses the weak and foolish things to accomplish His purposes.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. How does the idea of the cross being "foolishness to the world" challenge our understanding of God's ways?
2. The sermon mentions several areas where worldly wisdom conflicts with God's wisdom (e.g., marriage, sexuality, money). Can you think of other areas where this tension exists in your life?
3. Paul points out that the Corinthians themselves were not wise, influential, or noble by worldly standards. How does this challenge our views on what God values in people?
4. Reflect on a time when you chose to follow God's wisdom even though it seemed foolish to others. What was that experience like?
5. How can we discern between godly wisdom and worldly wisdom in our daily decisions?
6. The sermon mentions "Garden of Eden moments" where we choose to trust God or ourselves. Can you identify such moments in your life recently?
7. Discuss the five questions provided at the end of the sermon for discerning between foolishness and wisdom. Which do you find most challenging or helpful?

## 5 Questions to help discern between wisdom + foolishness

1. Does this align with God's will as revealed in scripture?
2. Will this help me love God and people more fully?
3. Will this decision help promote unity or division in the body of Christ?
4. Have I asked other mature Christians to help me discern what is wise?
5. If my choice were made public, would it bring honor to Jesus?