

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

**In preparation for Sunday, April 5, 2015**

**Passage: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

Memory Passage: 1 Corinthians 1:18

### **DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read 1 Cor. 1:10-17.** Because v. 18 begins with “for” you need to examine the preceding section to understand what Paul is about to say, so summarize what Paul is saying in vs. 10-17.

(b) What are the Corinthians doing when they “follow” Paul, Apollos, Cephas, or Christ, and why is this causing division?

(c) Examine v. 17: What are “words of eloquent wisdom,” what “power” is contained in the “cross of Christ,” and why will the former empty the latter (cf. 1 Cor. 2:1-5 for more clarity)?

(d) What kind of worldly wisdom produces quarreling and factions in the church today, and how do they empty the cross of its power?

### **DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read 1 Cor. 1:18-25.** What is the connection between v. 17 and v. 18?

(b) What is “the word of the cross?”

(c) Explain how the “word of the cross” is “folly to those who are perishing.”

(d) Explain how the “word of the cross” is “the power of God” to “us who are being saved.”

(e) Explain how you experience the power of God through the word of the cross in your daily life.

### **DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read 1 Cor. 1:18-25 & Is. 29:13-14.** How is the OT promise in Is. 29:14 (quoted in 1:19) fulfilled in the cross of Christ?

(b) To whom do the 3 categories of people mentioned in v. 20 refer in Paul’s day? To whom might they refer in our day?

(c) Explain how v. 21 explains why v. 20 is true (notice that v. 21 begins with “for”).

(d) Why does Paul say “what we preach” (i.e. the word of the cross) is folly?

### **DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read 1 Cor. 1:18-24.** Explain why preaching the word of the cross is folly (vs. 22-23).

(b) How is Christ crucified “the wisdom of God” (remember that in day one you explained how it is the power of God)?

(c) What is the difference between the person who finds preaching Christ crucified to be folly and the person who finds it to be the power and wisdom of God? Is this difference active or passive (e.g. is it something they do or something done to them) and why is this important?

(d) What do vs. 24-25 tell us about God’s role in the salvation of men & women?

**DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read 1 Cor. 1:18-25, Rom. 1:1-4 & 4:24-25.** Answer this question: “Why is Pastor Rob preaching on the power of preaching Christ crucified on Resurrection Sunday? Shouldn’t he have chosen a passage on the resurrection?” (and don’t write, “I don’t know!”)

(b) What do the 2 passages from Romans teach you about the relationship between the death of Christ and His resurrection?

(c) Based on this week’s study, write at least one application in each of the following areas, as well as at least one way you will personally put each application into practice: (1) Your own sanctification (2) Evangelism (3) Discipleship (4) Worship

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*Christ is the Wisdom & Power of God*