



1 Corinthians

Week 3 | 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 2:5
4-Hour Preparation Plan

*****Please complete all steps in the order listed*****

1. Pray for Illumination

2. Read the Holy Scriptures:

- a. Read the first **FOUR** chapters of 1 Corinthians, not for comprehension.
- b. **Observation:** Read 1 Cor 1:18-2:5 marking in a unique way the words: “cross, folly/foolish/foolishness, power, Christ, wise/wiser/wisdom, God, preach/speech, boast/boasts”. (example marking sheets, <http://preceptcamden.com/key-word-symbols-2/>)
- c. **Observation:** Record the Five W’s and H in your Bible margin (Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How).
- d. Read in order: Jeremiah 9:23-24; Luke 6:20-21; James 2:5; 1 Cor 1:26-29.

3. Memorize Verse: 1 Cor 1:18.

4. **Begin Answering Questions.** Finish answering questions as you read the commentary and supplemental readings listed below in Item 5.

5. Read Other Christian Pastors and Scholars:

- a. **Blomberg Commentary:** Read pp. 51-61.
- b. **Supplemental:** Read pp. 1-5, “Is God For Us or For Himself?” a sermon by John Piper.

“Friend, to see God for who He really is, we must abandon our preconceived notions of God and approach Him afresh in the Scriptures. Joy and wonder and belief come when our commitment to what we discover the Bible says about Him is greater than our commitment to what we have always thought about Him.”



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Discussion Questions

*****Please use only answers that come directly from the text.*****

1. v18, 23-24, How is the “message/word of the cross” described in the text?
2. Which 2 groups of people found a problem with the message? What were their problems?
3. v26-28, What or whom has God chosen?
4. v29, “Why” did God choose this message and these people?
5. What does v29-31 say about God’s greater concern, interest and priority?



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6. Does v18-31 alter your concept of God and how and why He works? If so, how? If not, what was reaffirmed?

7. In light of v29, v31, and your supplemental reading, give your insight to this statement of the Westminster confession, “The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.” True or False. Why?

8. How could your understanding of God’s choices and His motive for choices affect your decision-making for family, career, and church? Do we act in ways opposite to God? How could you imitate God in your choosing?

9. Reread 2:1-5 carefully. What do these verses imply concerning your approach to personal evangelism (i.e., sharing the gospel of Jesus with other people)?

10. v1-5, Was Paul afraid of sharing the gospel with others? Share your own personal fears or hesitation.